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EDITORIAL

. . . . RELIGION

Paula Riordan submitted an article for publication concerning religion. I read it - and loved it! I loved it so much that I'm going to talk about religion (to the absolute horror of many around me who have been fighting desperately to keep my big mouth shut).

Being a religious person myself, I have had many "enthusiastic" discussions about religion (especially religion as it relates to gender expression) with many lovely and intelligent people (such as Paula, Kathy, Susan, Ruth, Marsha, Siobhan, etc. etc. etc.) (and with some not-so lovely and intelligent people whom I will not mention). The one thing that usually emerges is, once we've cut through the human ego and the balderdash, we are not so far apart. Compare my comments to Paula's.

I believe in God. The God I believe in is Nature - that which is. To me God is the unification of all the qualities of Nature. Oneness!

I do not believe God is to be worshipped, or feared. God is to be loved and respected.

I believe it is our job to live in harmony with God, not to exploit and destroy.

God cannot be known intellectually, only intuitively. One must experience God, feel God, not think or talk about it.

I do not believe God is any label, concept, or value judgment created from the imagination of man.

Quietly, sit quietly
in your softest gown.
Calm your senses,
let your troubled spirit rest.
Cradle pink flowers in your hand,
and with all the gentleness you possess
raise those flowers
and touch them.
Touch them delicately with your fingers
and your cheek.
Then, with all your courage,
release your senses.
Feel the tears well in your eyes,
feel the shudder of joy
purge your spirit.
Feel the flowers with your soul, and,
you will become the flowers.
The flowers will be you.
There is no greater reward.

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Language is a collection of words, which are labels created by man to describe qualities of Nature, assign values, and communicate. Language is in the realm of the intellectual, and God transcends the intellectual. Language is not a quality of Nature.

Reason-for-being and meaning are concepts, not qualities of Nature. No one, and no thing exists for a reason. It exists because it exists. No one and no thing has meaning. It is man's, not God's, job to assign meaning.

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Masculinity and femininity are gender assignments, labels, and not qualities of Nature. It is every individual's responsibility, not God's, to decide what is masculine and what is feminine.

Right, wrong, good, bad, sin, beauty, ugly, etc. are value judgments and not qualities of Nature, and therefore not qualities of God. It is every individual's responsibility, not God's, to decide what is right or wrong, good or bad, beautiful or ugly, etc.

Superiority, and inferiority are concepts, reflections of man's ego, and not qualities of Nature. (I use 'superior/inferior in egoistic terms, and not in terms of power or competence.)

I believe the qualities that make up man also make up the universe. Man is a manifestation of God - man is God, as are all things that exist.

God creates, maintains, and destroys (in philosopher's terms - Became, Being, Becoming), in a never-ending harmonious cycle of existence. Man has the greatest power to destroy that cycle. Man also has the greatest power to heal. Therefore, man has the greatest responsibility to help all things exist in harmony. I even go further than that. I believe it is not only man's (each individual collectively) responsibility, it is his DUTY, his OBLIGATION, his REASON FOR BEING to live in harmony with God, and consequently, in harmony with himself.

To me, it is the height of human conceit to believe man has the divine right to exploit and destroy. Man has the power, not the right. Man also has the power to not destroy. It is also the height of human conceit for any individual or group of individuals to place themselves above any one or any thing on the basis of some sexual, or racial, or religious superiority complex. Man the species, and man the individual, is not innately superior or inferior to any one or any thing. More powerful? Yes! More capable? Certainly! Superior? Absolutely not!

No one can live in harmony with themselves or Nature if they place themselves above any one or any thing. The best they can hope for is some form of condescending love. One cannot feel equality, or live in harmony so long as they live with some human, or sexual, or racial, or religious superiority complex. I maintain that man's own ego is one of the greatest stumbling blocks to living in harmony with God, and with himself.

How does this relate to gender expression? Glad you asked. Within each of us are qualities that we have labeled 'Masculine' or 'Feminine'. The qualities exist, but the gender labels that we assign to them do not. As I stated earlier, I believe it is our job, as well as our right, to live in harmony with ourselves, and with Nature. We cannot live in harmony with ourselves, much less Nature (God) if we repress qualities that are natural to us on the basis of an artificially assigned gender label. In many people, myself included, certain 'feminine' qualities within me command a greater attention, and have more power over my existence. To repress those qualities would mean emotional, if not physical, disaster for me, and would prevent me from ever living in harmony with myself, much less with Nature.

With that, let's take a look at cross-dressing (a form of gender expression). Cross-dressing is a tool, it is a way to experience and to express one's 'masculine' or 'feminine' qualities. Cross-dressing doesn't hurt anybody, is extremely rewarding for the person who does it, and can produce beneficial side effects like a happier more productive human being. To say cross-dressing is wrong hurts both the accuser and the cross-dresser, generates fear and hatred, and produces an unhappy and less productive human being, a human being that is in conflict with himself and Nature. To say cross-dressing is wrong makes absolutely no sense to me. To say cross-dressing is wrong, is wrong.

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I said earlier that to know God one must 'experience', and 'feel'. Cross-dressing can be a very powerful sensual experience. Therefore, cross-dressing can be a religious experience. Nonsense you say? Think about it. Actually, don't think about it, experience it!

As I said earlier, God cannot be understood intellectually, only intuitively, on a sensual/spiritual level. Anything on that sensual/spiritual level that helps a person interact with Nature, is a religious experience. For instance, anyone who has allowed a negligee to flow over their body and bathe their senses and felt their knees grow weak and tears of joy in their eye - has had a religious experience. Anyone who has hoisted an ax, felt sweat pour from their palms and brow, and felt a happy anger explode from their soul as the log split from the power of their blow - has had a religious experience. Anyone who has felt the wind rustle through their skirt and caress their silky smooth legs, or felt the poetry of a gentle flowing gait - has had a religious experience. Anyone who has experienced the ecstasy of catching a pass for a winning touchdown or the despair of dropping it - has had a religious experience. Anyone who has touched a flower, felt its beauty, allowed its essence to touch his soul - has had a religious experience. Life itself is a religious experience that cannot be explained, only experienced.

I am not trying to disrupt anyone's religious beliefs, only trying to establish some guidelines. These guidelines include: 1.) People must learn to live in harmony with themselves. For, if they do not they will never achieve peace-of-mind, and they will never achieve harmony with God.

2.) People must learn that the urge to cross-dress, or to be transsexually inclined does not mean they are incompatible with God. What it does mean is that each person has their own unique insight into the life experience.

3.) God cannot assign meaning to labels, or dictate morality, or right or wrong. That is man's responsibility, and each person must accept that responsibility. (I realize that is a burden too heavy for most people to accept, which is the main reason religions exist in the first place.)

Love and hate are labels given by man to certain qualities of Nature. I have the power to choose. Love works better than hate, so I choose love. Harmony works better than disharmony, so I choose harmony. To love, and live in harmony with myself and Nature is the cornerstone of my existence, and that is the cornerstone of most religions. As I said in paragraph two, once we've cut through the human ego and balderdash, we are not that far apart.

love & happiness to you all!

Merrilee Sherrill Lynn

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Personal quip: Recently I needed a new pair of men's shoes and went to a store in a mall close to my home. As luck would have it a young girl about 25 waited on me. I knew the size and style of shoe I wanted, and when she brought the shoes I wanted, without thinking, I slipped off my loafer to allow her to put the other shoe on me with a shoe horn. Perfectly normal, you might think, except the socks I wore were rather thin and I had forgotten to remove my bright red nail polish. To her credit she never made a comment, but I'll venture I was the talk of the store after I left. - Geri L. (MI)

COMING EVENTS

CALENDAR OF
MAJOR EVENTS, 1985, 1986

October 4 - 6, 1985: Tiffany's Wives Support Group Outing for Couples in Provincetown MA
October 18 - 27, 1985: Outreach Institute's Fantasia Fair in Provincetown MA
October 30 - November 3 1985: Tri-Ess Holiday En Femme, New Orleans
April 15 - 20, 1986: Shangri-La in Biloxi MS
April 17 - 20, 1986: Windy City Chapter Spring Fling, Chicago IL
May 16 - 18, 1986: Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Outing
May 27 - June 2, 1986: Tiffany's Spring Outing in Provincetown, MA
May 27 - 31, 1986: Tapestry Annual Convention, Provincetown, MA
6/27-29/86 Shangri-La West in S. CA.

New England

** TIFFANY CLUB **
(Open, non-sexual) Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 (617)358-5575
Open Meetings: Casual get-togethers 7pm each Tuesday and Saturday
Wives Support Group: Very active, with a variety of programs, and flexible schedule.
Educational Programs: Topics of specific interests (legal, medical, political, etc). irregularly scheduled
Personal Improvement Classes: (make-up, comportment, wardrobe, etc.) irregularly scheduled
Sundays: Evenings out on the town. Patricia Anne Ashley, organizer
Cross-dresser's Convention, P-town: May 27 - June 2, 1986
Couple's P-town Outing: October 4-6, 1985
Halloween Costume Party: November 2, 1985
Thanksgiving Banquet: November 23, 1985
Christmas Party: December 14, 1985
Awards Banquet: January 18, 1986

** OUTREACH INSTITUTE **
P.O. Box 368, Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 02215
Functions: Irregularly scheduled workshops, seminars, etc.
Fantasia Fair: Tentatively scheduled for October 18-27, 1985

** MAYFLOWER SOCIETY **
(sexual alternatives) Box 66, Allston MA 02134 (617) 321-7899 (4-6 pm, Mon & Thurs only)
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

TRANSSEXUAL SOCIAL ASSOCIATION
(Rhode Island, Transsexual Support) T.S.A., P.O. Box 5753, Weybosset Hill Station, Providence, R.I. 02903
Meetings: Irregularly scheduled

** HARRIET LANE'S TV SET **
(Connecticut, open) Harriet Lane, Box 4002 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492 (203) 237-1968
Parties: The 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. The 2nd Saturday is non-sexual, and the 4th Saturday anything goes. $10 per person, $15 per couple, food served, cash bar.

** XX (TWENTY) CLUB **
(Connecticut, transsexual support) XX Club, Box 6070 Sta. 'A', Hartford CT 06106 (203)522-2646
Meetings: 2pm the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

** CONN. CHAPTER - GGA **
(Connecticut, Open, non-sexual) Box 744, Branford, CT 06405
Meetings: 1st and 3rd Saturday each month

New York

** NYC GGA CHAPTER **
(Open, non-sexual) Muriel Olive, Penthouse B, 157 W 57th St., , NYC NY 10019 (212)582-6823
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

** JOYCE DEWHURST **
BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE
(NYC, open, parties, special programs) B.L.I., c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (212)335-3048

** LEE'S MARDI GRAS **
(Social) Lee's Mardi Gras , 565 10th Ave., NYC NY 10036
Parties:
Tuesday, October 8th
Saturday, October 26th
Saturday, November 23rd
Wednesday, December 11th
NEW YEARS EVE December 31st

** EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY **
(NYC, For those with S/M & B/D fantasies) The Eulenspiegel Society, Box 2783 Grand Central Sta., NYC, NY 10163 (212) 477-6588
Functions: Frequent events specifically oriented for the TV. Inquire for times & location.

** TRANS RO MAR **
(Private club with live entertainment) TransRoMar, 64 North Moore Street, New York, NY (212) 431-6678
Coming Events: Schedule varies. Call.

** LONG ISLAND SOCIAL CLUB **
(Open, non-sexual) Kay & Ursula Kwarta, 50 Sunny Rd, St. James, NY 11780 (516) 584-7736
Meetings: 4th Saturday of each month

** CHI DELTA MU (TRI ESS)**
(Metro NY, Closed, heterosexual) L. Frank, Box 9192, Morristown, NJ 07960 (201) 663-0772
Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each month, locations vary.

** TV ENTERTAINERS GROUP **
(Open, non-sexual) c/o S. Morrison, Pres., P.O. Box 318, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

Meetings: 7 p.m. the 2nd Saturday each month at 226 Jefferson St., Albany, NY

** THE BUTTERFLY GROUP **
(Western NY, Open, Non-sexual) PO Box 7161, Endicott, NY 13760, Sharon Michaels, Pres., (607) 798-8033
Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each month, with irregularly scheduled impromptu get-togethers

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** 'EON' **
(Open, non-sexual) Eon, PO Box 6293, Camillus, NY 13031
Meetings: Inquire for time and location

New Jersey, Pennsylvania

** PHI CHAPTER (GGA) **
(South NJ, SE PA, N DE, NE MD, Open, Non-Sexual) c/o W. Beeman, P.O. Box 4128, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
Meetings: 4th Saturday of each month (Sep-Jun)
Wives & Lovers: Irregularly scheduled events for members and their wives and spouses.
Halloween: November 2, 1985
Workshop: 'The Cross-dresser In Society' Jan. 25, 1986

** NORTHERN N.J. GGA **
(Northern NJ, Open, non-sexual) E. Malley, P.O. Box 9034, Morristown, NJ 07960
Meetings: 1st Saturday of each month (Sep-Jun)

** NORTHERN NJ SOCIAL GROUP **
(Open, non-sexual) L. Frank, Box 9192, Morristown, NJ 07960 (201) 663-0772
Meetings: last Saturday of each month

** TRANSPITT **
(Social, open, non-sexual) Transpitt, PO Box 59406, Pittsburgh, PA 15211
Meetings: the 3rd Saturday of each odd-numbered month.

Mid Atlantic

** DELTA CHI CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Baltimore - DC, open non-sexual) Sandy Machin, Box 11254, Lincolnia Sta., Alexandria VA 22312
Meetings: 1st Saturday of each month (Sep-Jun)
Christmas Party: Dec. 22

** MY CHOICE **
(Baltimore, Transsexual Support) K. Stevens, c/o S. Machin, P.O. Box 11254, Alexandria, VA 22312
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

** ACADEMY AWARDS **
(Baltimore - Wash. DC, Theatrical Drag) c/o B.A. Lind, Box 11254, Alexandria, VA 22312
Functions: Inquire for events, times, and locations

** BALTIMORE-DC (GGA) **
(Baltimore - Wash. DC, open non-sexual) R. Lewis, P.O. Box 7644, Silver Spring, MD 20907
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month (Sep-Jun)

** JANUS/DC **
(Washington DC, Transsexual Support) Janus/DC Inc., 5715 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20011 Gene Baker, Advisor, Marty Malin, President
Meetings: 4th Thursday each month

South

** THE ELITE TV CO. **
(Georgia, Open) Gigi Grant, P.O. Box 47686, Atlanta, GA 30362
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** MONTGOMERY FOUNDATION, INC. **
(Atlanta, Transsexual Support) The Montgomery Foundation Inc., PO Box 33311, Decatur, GA 30033
Meetings: Twice a month. Inquire for times and locations

** SERENITY **
(Open, non-sexual) Nikki Bee, Box 307, Hollywood, FL 33022
Meetings: 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at the Metropolitan Community Church, 330 S.W. 27th St., Ft. Lauderdale.
Halloween: Oct. 25, 1985

** GENDER DYSPHORIA CENTER **
(Galveston, transsexual support) Alice (713) 763-6227
Meetings: 1st Saturday each month except July, August & September

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Midwest

** WINDY CITY CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Chicago, open non-sexual) Sharon Renee Hart, Box 2312, Chicago IL 60690 (312) 472-4518
Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of every month
Halloween Party: October 29, 1985

** CHI CHAPTER (TRI ESS) **
(Illinois, closed heterosexual) Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines IL 60018
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

** CROSSROADS CHAPTER **
(Michigan, open non-sexual) Crossroads Chapter, Box 1298, Flint MI 48501
Meetings: Inquire for time and location

** PARADISE CLUB **
(Ohio, open non-sexual) Paradise Club, Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each even numbered month.

** GENESIS **
(Open, non-sexual) Genesis, PO Box 954. Elyria, OH 44036
Meetings: Inquire for time and location

** CROSS-PORT **
(Cincinnati, Open, Non-sexual) Cross-Port, 2020 "B" Beechmont Ave, P.O. Box 150, Cincinnati, OH 45230 ATTN: HEATHER

** NORTH INDIANA CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Indiana, Open, non-sexual) c/o Sharon Hart, Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690 (312) 472-4518
Meetings: Inquire for time and

location

** IOWA/ILLINOIS CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Eastern Iowa, Western Illinois, Open, Non-sexual) Connie Farwell, c/o Box 1205, Bettendorf, IA 52722
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** WISCONSIN NETWORK **
(Open to gay and bi- men and women as well as TVs and TSs, non-sexual) Dee Dailey, P.O. Box 632, Waukesha, WI 53187 (414) 542-5735
Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month
Halloween Party: October 19, 1985

CITY OF LAKES CROSSDRESSER'S CLUB
(Open, Non-sexual) 3917 France Ave., South Minneapolis, MN
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

Intermountain

** THE GENDER IDENTITY CENTER ** OF COLORADO, INC.
(Association, affiliation, information and education serving the cross-dresser and gender conflicted and their significant others) GIC, 2715 W. 32nd Ave, P.O. Box 80211, Denver CO 80211, 303-458-5378
Monday: 7:00 PM M-F Open Rap
Thursday: 10:00 AM M-F Open Rap
Saturday: 10:00 AM M-F Open Rap
Saturday: 12:00 Noon F-M Open Rap
Spouse's Group: Open Rap 2nd Tues. each month, 7:30 PM
Young Men's Group: Saturday's, 2:00 PM
Women In Transition: Thursday's, 7:00 PM
TV Socials: By invitation
Parent's Group: By special arrangement
TAYOTS (Teen-Aged Kids of T's): By special arrangement
Workshops: Every other month throughout the year
Seminars: Helping Professionals & Significant Others, offered on a Saturday in February, and again in September

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Southwest

** SPECTRUM **
(Arizona, open, non-sexual) P.O. Box 14671, Phoenix AZ 85063
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

California

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF (TRI ESS)
(Chapters nation-wide, closed, heterosexual) Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Alpha Chapter: (Los Angeles) Inquire
Sigma Delta Chapter: (San Diego) Inquire

** CHIC (CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB **
(Closed, heterosexual) CHIC, Box 562, Duarte CA 91010 (213)456-6511
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

** SHANGRI-LA CLUB **
(National membership, open non-sexual) Nancy Watson, Box 19202, Irvine CA 92713
Scyros Chapter: 1st Saturday of each month
Shangri-La '86: April 15-20, 1986
Shangri-La West: June 27-29, 1986

** SAN DIEGO CHAPTER (GGA) **
(Open non-sexual) W. Thomas, Box 99732, San Diego CA 92109
Meetings: Inquire first

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE, (GGA)
(Chapters throughout North America, open non-sexual) GGA, 484 Lake Parke Ave., Suite 427, Oakland, CA 94610 (415) 763-6185
San Francisco: 2nd Wednesday each month 8pm
San Jose: 8pm 1st and 3rd Friday each month
Santa Rosa: 1st Friday and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2525 Cleveland Ave. (707) 526 2500
3rd Anniversary Celebration: Oct. 19, 1985
Sacramento Chapter: 2nd Friday of each month. Write: Bonnie Goodwin, Box 38918, Sacramento CA 95838

** PACIFIC CENTER **
(Community Services for sexual minorities) P.O. Box 908, Berkeley, CA 94701 (408) 841-6224
Meetings: Rap sessions the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
Special Topic or Speaker: Last Friday of each month

EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL, (ETVC)
(San Francisco, Open, Non-sexual) Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101
Meetings: Last Thursday of each month
Halloween: Oct 31, 1985

FEMALE TO MALE TRANSSEXUAL GROUP
(Support for F-M TSs) The Billy DeFrank Community Center, 86 Keyes Ts., San Jose, CA (408) 293-4525
Meetings: Every Wednesday 7-9 pm

** SOCIETY OF JANUS **
- SACRAMENTO GROUP
(For persons interested in B&D) Society of Janus - Sacramento Group, c/o P.O. Box 6794, San Francisco, CA 94101
Meetings: Schedule not available

Northwest

NORTHWEST CHAPTER-PORTLAND, (GGA)
(open, non-sexual, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** EMERALD CITY **
(Open, non-sexual) Emerald City, Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** SEATTLE COUNSELING SERVICE **
(TV/TS Support group, non-sexual) Seattle Counseling Service, 1505 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122
Meetings: Every Friday 8-10 p.m.

** SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER **
(Hawaii) 2139 Kuhio Ave, Honolulu, HI 96813 926-1000
Meetings: Discussion group, 7:30, every Tuesday

Canada

** TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL **
(TAM)
(Open, non-sexual) CP 1164 Succ H, Montreal, Que Can H3G-2N1 514-352-7481
Meetings: 2nd Saturday 2:00pm, and 4th Thursday 7:30pm.

** QUEBEC **
TRANSSEXUAL AID, INC.
(Transsexual support, French speaking) Viviane Audrey, C.P. 691, Mont-Royal Quebec, Canada H3P-3E4
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

** FACT **
(FEDERATION OF AMERICAN AND CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS)
FACT, Box 291, Sta. 'A', Hamilton Ont Can L8N-3C8 416-539-7884
Meetings: 2nd Friday of each month, visitors welcome

** FACT - TORONTO **
(Transsexual Support) FACT-Toronto, P.O. Box 97, Lefroy, ON CAN L0L 1W0 or: FACT-Toronto, c/o 519 Church St., Community Centre, 519 Church St., Toronto, ON CAN M4Y 2C9
Meetings: Schedule unavailable
Octoberfest: October 18, 1985 at 'The 519'

** METAMORPHOSIS **
MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION
(Support for the F-M transsexual) Box 5963, Sta. 'A', Toronto Ont Can M5W-1P4
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** ALBERTA TV-TS CONTACT CLUB **
(Calgary, Open) Alberta TV & TS Contact Club, P.O. Box 4667 Stn. C, Calgary AL CAN T2T 5P1
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

GREAT BRITAIN

** BEAUMONT SOCIETY **
(Closed, heterosexual) Beaumont Society, Box 3084, London England WC1N-3XX
London: First Wednesday each month
Brighton: First Saturday each month
Woking: Inquire for time and location
Woodford Green: Inquire for time and location
King's Langley: Third Saturday each month
Braintree: Third Wednesday each month
Harlow: Practically any time - by arrangement
Cambridge: Second Saturday each month
Luton: Every Saturday
Eye: Every Tuesday

** SHAFT **
(SELF HELP ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSSEXUALS)
(Transsexual support, non-sexual) SHAFT, 46 Liddell Way, South Ascot, Berkshire, England SL5-9UX
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

** FRIEND MERSEYSIDE **
(Closed, heterosexual) 14 Colquitt St., Liverpool, L1-4DI England (051)708-0234
Meetings: Fridays 8pm onwards

** THE TV/TS SOCIAL GROUP **
(Open, non-sexual) 274 Upper St., Islington, London N.1. England 01-359-4868 (Fri, Sat, Sun 8-10pm)
Meetings: Every Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 to 11:00pm, at the above address

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** SCOTTISH TV/TS GROUP **
(Open, non-sexual) Scottish TV/TS Group, c/o SHRG 58a Broughton St., Edinburgh, EH1 35A Scotland (031) 556-4049
Meetings: Last Saturday each month

EUROPE

** TRANS-CCL **
(France, support for sexual minorities) Rev. Joseph Douce, Centre du Christ Liberateur, Minorites Sexuelles, TRANS-CCL, 3 bis, rue Clairaut, 75017 Paris - France (1) 226-7048 (also, help line Mon. 8-10pm [1] 627-4936) (Rev. Douce speaks English)
Meetings: 8pm, 2nd Tuesday of each month
Dinner: 5th Saturday of the month (4 times a year)

** ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT **
CONTINENTALE
(France, closed membership, heterosexual) Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France
Meetings: Schedule not available

** F.P.E. **
(Denmark, closed membership, heterosexual) M.A. Postboks 192, DK2600, Glostrup, Denmark (do not put F.P.E. on envelope)
Meetings: Schedule not available

** FEMME TRAVESTIE **
(Switzerland, inquire for membership qualifications) Femme Travestie, 8023 Zurich, Postfach 6788, Switzerland
Meetings: Schedule not available, but very active

FAR EAST, AUSTRALIA

** ELIZABETH CLUB **
(Japan, open) Ant Trading Co., Sakata Bldg, 1-12 Iwamoto-Cho Kanda, Chiuoda-Ku, Tokyo 101, Japan
Meetings: No schedule available. Private facilities in Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya

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** SEAHORSE CLUB **
(Australia, affiliated with England's Beaumont Society)
Seahorse Victoria (Melbourne) GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001 Australia
Social Evenings: 2nd Saturday of each month
The Seahorse Club of Australia (Sydney) Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney 2000, Australia - Meetings: Last Friday of each month
National Seahorse Club of Australia (Adelaide) write: Lynda Ailion, P.O. Box 89, Norwood, South Australia 5067 - meeting schedule unavailable

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** HEDESTHIA **
(New Zealand, affiliated with England's Beaumont Society) Ms J.F. Gall (National Secretary), Hedesthia Central, P.O. Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland 2 New Zealand
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

VACATIONS

** TIFFANY'S ANNUAL **
PROVINCETOWN OUTING
(Cape Cod, open non-sexual)
The Tiffany Club, P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA., 01778 (617)358-5575

Traditionally held the week after Memorial Day: Annual 3 to 6 day event held each Spring in Provincetown, MA. This is the 'Club Med Vacation' for Crossdressers and friends. There are unlimited activities available in a friendly sea-side community.

There are 3 and 6 night packages available.

** TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS **
and NACD INC. ANNUAL CONVENTION
(Provincetown, Cape Cod)
Tapestry, PO Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778 617-358-5575

Held concurrently with Tiffany's P-town Outing: The Convention is for a) all persons interested in the development of the 'Tapestry' as an effective outreach tool and unifying factor for the TV-TS Community, and b) NACD Inc., the TV-TS Community's own investment corporation.

**THE 'BE ALL YOU WANT TO BE' **
WEEKEND
(Michigan, for members of Crossroads Chapter, Chi Chapter, Paradise Club, TransPitt, Genesis) Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines, IL 60018

Traditionally held the 2nd weekend of June: An annual weekend outing held in early June in Michigan. The outing has a schedule of events that includes a legal seminar, a behavior seminar, a fashion clinic, etc.

** DREAM **
(Oregon, Open, non-sexual)
DREAM, Box 58, 507 3rd Ave., Seattle WA 98104

September: Semi-annual high quality 7-day event held in the fall near Portland Oregon. Features condominiums, and a 3-day fashion/beauty course. Last held September 1983. Probable next date: September 1986.

** SHANGRI-LA **
(open, non-sexual) Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713

June 27-29, 1985, Annual 3-day event held in Stallion Spring, California (Next year's dates are June 27-29)

April 15-20, 1986: Annual 6-day event held in Biloxi, MS on the beach 85 miles from exciting New Orleans

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** SPRING FLING IN CHICAGO **
NATIONAL GGA CONVENTION
(Chicago, Open, Non-sexual)
Sharon Hart, PO Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690 312-472-4518

April 17 - 20, 1986: Annual conference sponsored by the Windy City Chapter of the Gateway Gender Alliance.

** JOYCE DEWHURST'S **
POCONOS FANTASY WEEKEND
Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 718-335-3048

Traditionally held the 3rd Weekend of May, and the 2nd Weekend of September: Annual 3-day outings in the picturesque Poconos mountains of Pennsylvania.

** TIFFANY CLUB **
WIVES SUPPORT GROUP
PROVINCETOWN OUTING
(Cape Cod, non-sexual, Male-Female Couples Only)
Tiffany Club Wives Support Group, PO Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778 617-358-5575

Traditionally held the 1st Weekend of October: Annual outing designed for couples in established relationships.

** FANTASIA FAIR **
(Cape Cod, Open, Non-sexual)
Eve Goodwin, Dept FF, Box 368 Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 02215

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TAPESTRY MAILBAG

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Dear Editor

Just a note of praise for "The Joys of Being a Woman" by Niela Miller (Tap #46), especially with regards to integration and operating androgynously - In terms of being all you can be, it says it all.

Diantha K.

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PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: ABBY MARIE

Dear Editor

I hope this letter will help others to come to terms with themselves.

Until I was five years old I was an only child. Up to that time I was in the house with my mother most of the time. She taught me the ABCs, numbers, how to add and how to sew, and tried to teach me how to cook. She also polished my nails, fixed my hair, and tell me how she wished I were a girl. She used to tell me that if I were a girl she would make pretty dresses for me, make my hair pretty, and buy me girls shoes. She raised me to be gentle, not to fight or play sports - I might be hurt.

After my brother and sister were born my mother did not have as much time to spend with me. I remember feeling angry and jealous when she made pretty clothes for my sister, and not me. They had been promised to me. Then I was told they were for girls, and not for me, and that made me even angrier.

As a child during WW II I collected paper and rags to sell for scrap. One day while separating the rags I opened a grain sack and in it was all girls clothing - my size. I hid the sack of clothes in the woods behind my house, and in the privacy of the woods I would dress myself. Then I found out that other female clothing was tossed away in the neighborhood dumps. I added to my collection. In that way I was able to dress until I graduated from high school, and was never found out.

After graduation I went into the Air Force and did not dress for two years. Then while hitch-hiking, I met a lady. She invited me to her home, and that was the beginning of a relationship that lasted 1 1/2 years. She was 12 years older than I, single, and was fun to be with. On our first week-end we had sex. On the second week-end she re-introduced me to cross-dressing. She never knew I had experienced this before. She taught me some make-up, how to walk in heels, to put nylons with seams on straight, how to sit, etc.

After a while she wanted me to shave my arms and legs (which I didn't dare to do while I still lived in the barracks). She wanted me to get out of the service. (I wanted to stay in and make it my life.) Finally she got so demanding that we had to separate.

Six months later I married. It was nine years of pure hell. During that time I never cross-dressed. Five sons were born, three were mine, two belonged to someone else. She deserted the family four times and I was given a hardship discharge from the service. She deserted twice more. My children were in foster homes, and I was alone.

Finally I started cross-dressing again, and started divorce proceedings. Then I met the lady who was to become my second wife.

One day my new girlfriend came to my apartment before I got home. She found my womens clothing, and accused me of having another woman staying with me at night. She thought my estranged wife was coming back to me. I tried to calm her down, but nothing I said could make her believe that there was no one else. I decided I had better tell her about my cross-dressing.

At first she did not believe me, so I told her to sit and I would prove it to her. I went into the bedroom and dressed - shoes, nylons, garter belt, slip, black dress, make-up, the whole works. When I came out into the living

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room she was thunder struck. Now she believed me. Then the flood of questions: Was I going to change my sex? Was I gay? Did I still love her? Why did I dress? Did anyone else know? How long have I done this? Then came the other questions: What size shoes? What size dress? Where did I buy them? What did the salesgirls say?

We talked for hours. I answered her questions as truthfully as I could. I told her I did not want to go through another marriage without being able to dress in womens clothes. We kissed, hugs, and said good night. She said it felt strange to put her arms around me when I had fem clothes on and kiss when I had on lipstick.

My future wife drove around the rest of the night trying to sort out the problem of my cross-dressing. She said she must have driven 150 miles. The next morning she came to my apartment, she asked more questions, then she made me happier than I have ever been. She told me she accepted me as I was, with all my female clothes, habits and ways.

That winter we were married.

We now have been married for over twenty years. We have raised three of my sons from my first wife, gained a stepson, and had another son between us. She has been beside me through a crippling back injury, a cancer operation, and a nervous break-down. She has helped me with a drinking problem, and has always been ready to help me in any way that she could. I feel that with all that I have gone through that I am truly blessed with a God sent, beautiful person - my wife. I truly wish that all men that cross-dress could find or be with a partner such as mine so that their lives could be as happy, as satisfying and as complete as mine is now.

Abby Marie G. (NH-0731)

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Dear Editor

I had been avidly waiting for the new issue of Tapestry to arrive, since both my wife and I had been so favorably impressed with the previous issues we have seen. I picked it up from the post office box last week and was pleased to see that my picture and "Personal Profile" had made it in time to be included among the personal listings, and my "Personal Profile" was included among the feature articles. Hopefully the sharing of my wife's and my struggles and accomplishments benefitted others. I certainly owe much back for all of the help and support I have received in getting to where I am.

Issue #46 was of the usual quality and professionalism of the previous issues of Tapestry we have seen. My wife and I really think that you do a first class job.

In the short period that I have been a member of the Tiffany Club (about 3 months), I have been extremely impressed with the organization9. Your philosophy of openness and efforts to encourage cooperation among the various groups is very commendable.

Again, Tapestry is "Super" - too bad that you don't have the time and resources to publish it more frequently.

Jane Nance (KS-0694)

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Dear Editor

I just received issue #46 of Tapestry. It is the first time I've actually had the time to sit and read it thoroughly. I am very impressed with the magazine in total. The content as well as the quality of the magazine deserves to be praised.

Your editorial on AIDS was very well written and was very moving. Because the editorial was so good I continued reading the rest of the magazine. I can certainly see how the magazine is an aid to TVs, but just as importantly it is educational to there people as well.

congratulations on a very good job. I can imagine how much work went into the publication.

Sincerely,

Roger Baker
12 Center Guest House
Provincetown

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EMERALD CITY

Dear Editor

The Emerald City is a pretty active group here in Seattle. We schedule dinners at various restaurants every month, some of them quite formal and public. Of course only the 'graduate' members are encouraged to attend because one of the main purposes is to advertise ourselves to the public. If they see us as real, decent, well-behaved citizens who pay their bills promptly, they will have a better opinion of us. Public ignorance is our worst enemy since ignorance breeds fear, which in turn breeds hatred and persecution.

We have private socials for 'under graduates' and we participate in the Seattle Counseling Service and Ingersoll and city council here in Seattle. I am pursuing a discrimination case on behalf of the TV community and so far we have been amazingly successful.

Janice Van Cleve
Secretary, Emerald City

(*** Those wishing to contact Emerald City may do so by writing: Emerald City, Box 31318, Seattle, WA 98103)

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Dear Editor

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter I wrote to a TV in response to a letter he had written to me. This individual sounded to be very confused. I also believe that I am the first person he has ever talked to. My response to his letter may be helpful to someone else. Feel free to publish it. Other than my own, the names have been changed.

Karen A. (MA-0763)

Dear Sandy,

I received your letter yesterday. It sounds as if I am the first person you have ever written to about the feminine side of your life. If so, congratulations...it takes courage to take the first step. And I feel somewhat honored that you chose me to talk to. You sound as if you are a very confused individual. I only hope that I can be of some help to you. You can rest assured that whatever you say to me is just between us. I may say to someone, such as my friend Sunshine, I know a person that has this problem, what do you think he/she should do? Or, what is your opinion? I would never say... I know this person named Sandy in P-town that has this problem of.....

One thing you should understand, neither I or anyone else can make decisions for you. It is your life, you have to live it, no-one else. All we can do is give you our opinions, suggestions and advice, but that is all it is. You have to take that information and draw your own conclusions. Another thing that I don't do is judge other people. I don't have that right. How each person chooses to live his/her life is their business. What may be good for one person may turn off another, and vice versa. We all have our own hang-ups of one sort or another. You aren't alone.

There is a difference between a TV and a TS. The main difference being that a TV has no desire to become a female, and a TS does. A TV usually desires to live a normal life as a male, is heterosexual, and usually married. He enjoys the pleasures of getting dressed up as a female for a short period of time and then prefers to go back to his male role. Getting sexually aroused from putting on female clothing is very normal for all of us. As for myself, I still get aroused at times. But there was a time when I got aroused every time I put on female clothing. On the other hand, the inner self of a TS is that of a female. A TS has no desire to be a male. In general, he believes he is a female in a male body and sets out to correct it by electrolysis, hormones, and eventually, surgery,. It is probably 50/50 that some TSs are heterosexual and some are homosexual. I am heterosexual and still don't know how I am going to handle the future as far as sex is concerned once I become a female.

You say you are confused about being attracted to males dressed as females, both TVs and TSs. And you

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wanted to know if this was heterosexual or homosexual? This question puzzles many psychologists because the answer can be either one of the two, or both. It really depends on the individual involved. I'll try to explain what I mean. Let's take my friend Sunshine and use her as an example, since she is an attractive individual. She is still a male since she hasn't had the operation yet. So all three of us are males. In my eyes and the way I feel from within, Sunshine and I are girlfriends (even though we are both males). We don't see ourselves as males. If I had a sexual desire for her, it would be as a female to female. I might want to kiss her, feel her ass and breasts, but I wouldn't have any desire for the male parts between her legs. So, this would be a lesbian attraction (even though we are both males) and the label would be homosexual. The general public would label it as homosexual, but in their eyes, they would see it as two guys wanting each other and not understand that the attraction is two females wanting each other. Hopefully, you're not getting more confused...

Now, if you were to see her as I do and your sexual desires were the same, but only as a male, then the attraction would be that of a heterosexual, male and female. But if you were attracted to her and wanted her sexually for the male parts between her legs, and you were looking at it from a male's point of view, then it would be considered a homosexual attraction. So I hope this will help you to understand it a little clearer. As I stated earlier, most psychologists don't understand it. Should you ever go for counseling, be sure to find a therapist who is experienced in this area; otherwise, he may do you more harm than good. Now it is up to you to decide whether your attractions are heterosexual or homosexual. Just remember, however you feel, you shouldn't feel ashamed or guilty about those feelings. There are many people who have those same feelings, you aren't alone.

Well you now have one foot out of the closet. Maybe in a little time you will be able to step all the way out. You might even want to visit the Tiffany Club at some time in the future. There you would get to meet other people like yourself. The main purpose of the club is to provide a place for TVs and TSs to meet and socialize. It is not for sexual contacts. You'll get to meet people from all walks of life. Some get dressed and some don't, but the club does provide a room for getting dressed if someone can not do it at home. That might be a goal you can set for yourself.

One of the first things you have to do is to find out exactly who you are. Once this is accomplished, you go on from there. It took a year of counseling back in 1976/77 for me to find out that I was a transsexual. I then started on the road to becoming a female. But that was short lived because I had to take custody of my twelve year old son. I decided it would be in his best interest if I waited until he got older. He is now twenty and I have recently started on my way again to becoming a female. There is nothing going to stop me this time. One of the things you must do, is accept yourself for who you are. For a transsexual, this transitional period is the pits. You're not a male and you are not a female. When you go into a store, people stare at you, asking themselves, is that a guy or is that a woman. And many of them figure it out. I don't like it, but I have come to live with it. I can care less what they think. The thing that bothers me most, is to run into people that I know. I'll be so glad when I can move out of this area. But you can't worry about what other people think. They are living their lives and you have to live yours. Being yourself may require finding new friends. We all have to make sacrifices at one time or another.

I hope this letter will be helpful to you. I don't claim to have all the answers, nor do I know everything there is to know. Every day we learn something new. Just remember, my answers are only one person's opinion. Getting the opinion of other people will help you make better decisions and help in drawing conclusions of your own.

- Karen

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Dear Editor

You have steadily built up a very fine magazine that goes far to answer the needs of transsexual and transvestite people. It really is an excellent job - and I know how much sweat and blood goes into making each issue come out! Congratulations - and all good wishes.

Sincerely,
Garrett Oppenheim, PhD
Dir., Confide

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Dear Editor

It's been a long time! In retrospect a long waste of time. I should have known better - but I had to prove it to myself. I have included a letter to your readers which explains my situation, and may be of value to others.

So, I figure there's still a few dances in the old lady yet! No more closets, cloistered environments, etc. - EVER AGAIN!!!

Diantha

Dear Readers

To be brief - my femme name is Diantha Kay. I'm forty seven, and have been into cross-dressing since I was twelve.

I feel I've run the gamut of 'all' issues associated with this type of behavior in terms of trying to eliminate it from my life entirely - all to no avail! My last major attempt to suppress and resolve all of the issues started about ten years ago - a move to a very rural community in Vermont, away from any easily accessible influences which could influence/feed my internal drives to be a woman, intensive psychotherapy, etc. etc. It seems that all that was accomplished, as in past through similar periods of abstinence, was to arm a time bomb within. The longer the time frame of abstinence and therapy - the greater the internal pressures became, to the point of overwhelming obsession producing feelings of total apathy towards any other aspects of life in general.

The last attempt lasted four years and ended with such an overwhelming rush to break out of my self-imposed exile that I almost lost it entirely. So, here I am, in a sense 'between a rock and a hard place'.

'Coming out of the closet', so to speak, each time after a period of abstinence carries with it a unique set of emotions which seem only to amplify themselves with time. The last time 'out' as Diantha (for the first time after my last period of exile) I felt as if I acted more like a crazy cavewoman just out of the mountains, and was never so embarrassed in my life. Since then I've relaxed, and now act more like the lady I'd prefer to be.

I've also started hormone therapy. Unfortunately, I started on my own and not with the guidance of a physician. In part that's why I'm writing. I've been taking hormones for just under two years. The changes, though slight, have not been disappointing. To date there have been no notable side effects in terms of my health. However, I'd prefer to locate a physician as close to home as possible who's at least sympathetic to my particular situation. To date I've had no success.

I'm tired of dealing with the 'procrustean logic of psychotherapy' as it relates to this phenomena. I've tried to accept the idea of resolving and coming to terms with this so called psycho-sexual problem of role identity which supposedly drives my behavior. I've only become more convinced that it's natural for me to be who and what I am. I also believe this so-called phenomena of 'gender dysphoria' is driven by inherent forces which are not within the grasp of the current realm of knowledge of human kind in general. Specifically, that the combined efforts of only a few notable physicians and therapists who have formed the current 'positive' theories and philosophies towards this phenomena have just barely scratched the surface as to why it exists.

I'm reasonably well educated, have extensive experience in both the aero-space field and bio-medical field as it relates to aero-space and various 'spinoffs' which have practical applications on earth. Unfortunately, none

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apply to subject phenomena. I often wonder, tongue in cheek, just what would happen to this world of ours if alien beings were discovered in the remote reaches of space, especially if they were a race of naturally genetic she-males. - Something to muse about for the time being, but neither here nor there.

Right now, as I mentioned, I'm looking for a physician as close to home as possible. Maybe you can help? If you have any knowledge of a physician who understands, is empathic and sympathetic to those of us who seem to be destined to this form of fulfillment, within, say 100 miles or so of the Burlington, Middlebury, Rutland or Manchester Vermont, or up-state New York areas, please write to me: D. Kay, Box 264, Vergennes, VT 05491.

Sincerely,
Diantha Kay

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Dear Editor

When I first discovered your magazine, I was elated. Although I knew my behavior of twenty years or more was far from unique, it was a great pleasure to see it dealt with in an intelligent manner.

While reading issue #45 I was horrified to read the article about "Lockdown". I show my ignorance here because I had never realized that my hobby could lead me to jail. I have been going out for years and I always seem to pass. This is a surprise to me because I am six feet and 170 lbs (well outside the normal female height and weight).

A year ago I dressed for my fiance, who knows of my hobby, and she did not believe it was me until I spoke. When I opened the door she wanted to know who the strange woman was at my apartment. I mention the above not to massage my TV ego but to point out that I have been lucky enough over the years ont to be discovered. To myself I look like my male self in drag and always assumed I would one day be caught.

I am now very scared of that prospect and need some kind of help in understanding the laws in and around Eastern Massachusetts. I realize the plight of a TV in jail is not as life and death a situation as a TS, but the paranoia I now experience when I go out is enough to get me caught, and that would be very harmful to my life indeed.

Please, please help me to find a way to deal with my new-found fear. I will be reading future issues and I hope your experience can help me find a way to be comfortable again.

I would also like to know how one gets "started" with an organization such as yours.

Desperately,
Alisandra A.

(** Dear Alisandra, and everyone else who is interested: Trust me, the people mentioned in the 'Lockdown' article were not in jail because they were cross-dressers. They were criminals who happened to be cross-dressers or transsexuals. There are no laws against cross-dressing. There are, however, laws against solicitation, creating a public nuisance, or committing fraud. In the eyes of the law, a person who simply enjoys going out cross-dressed is no big deal. In other words, if you go out in public, exercise good manners and common sense, and you will be OK! -- ED) (P.S. Also, be wary of using the ladies room. Most people don't know the difference between you and a voyeur, and neither do the police.)

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Dear Editor

Congratulations on the excellent issues of Tapestry you have produced! I can imagine the work that goes into this, as much of my off-campus time is spent in front of a word processor.

This is not only the finest publication of its kind. It is the only publication of its kind!!

Richard F. Docter, Ph.D.
Dir., National Gender Project

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ALBERTA TV & TS CONTACT CLUB

Dear Editor

My name is Danielle and I just received your magazine, the Tapestry, through FACT in Ontario. Our club seems to be the only transgenderist society in Western Canada, and I would like to tell your readers a bit about us.

The Alberta TV & TS Contact Club is primarily for Transvestites, transsexuals, and their admirers. As you may know, there are plenty of men out there who enjoy the look and feel of feminine attire, but in Western Canada opportunities for those of us with like interests to meet have been slim or non-existent - until now.

We work personally with each member, depending on the individual's needs. We are a social group and information source for transvestites and transsexuals as well as a one-to-one contact club. We offer help in the form of make-up advice as well as where to shop without hassle or embarrassment. We also provide and recommend social areas where our lifestyle is accepted. We have monthly parties in a private home where members can meet and become friends. We also have a newsletter which carries members' coded classified ads.

All information about members is completely private and confidential. We are registered as an Alberta Society, and are listed with Calgary's community services.

There is a membership fee of $35.00 (Canadian) that is payable only after a prospective member has been interviewed and found acceptable to the club.

We are gentle and understanding people, and if you want to discuss your reservations or fears, we will listen and help if we can. We have all gone through the "coming out of the closet" process, and we know how troublesome it can be. We have set up a telephone for your convenience.

Anyone wishing to contact us can do so by calling or writing: Alberta TV and TS Contact Club, P.O. Box 4667 Stn. C, Calgary, AL T2T 5P1, Can. (403) 245-2773.

Sincerely, Danielle

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'SUSAN'S STORY'

Dear Editor

I just read 'Susan's Story' by Terri Scott in issue #46 of 'Tapestry'. I cannot remember ever having read a piece of fiction about a relationship between a woman and a TV that was written so well, and so clearly understood the woman's feelings. Being a woman, and having had relationships with TVs, I could empathize with Susan.

Thank you, Terri, for the kind of story that a woman could, I think, relate to; could, I think, use to judge whether or not she wants to be the kind of person 'Karen' was, or the kind of person 'Susan' was. I also think Jeff was shown to be an empathic, caring adult, rather than the so-often chronicles over-sexed fetishist that so many publications sell as the epitome of the 'real' cross dresser.

Terri, I would hope that you will build on your writing ability, if you haven't already, and make your type of fiction more available to other publications and to Tapestry and to the TVs, wives, girlfriends, who badly need role models to relate to.

All available accolades to Terri and to Tapestry for publishing the story.

Sincerely,
Dee Dailey, Director
The Network

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P-TOWN / HARRIET LANE'S

Dear Editor

Well I finally got time to write and let you know what is happening to the TV Set, and to thank you for another great time at P-town. Needless to say you have probably received a hundred thank-you's, and praise for the P-town weekend, so I'll just say it again. "WOW!"

I sold my home as you know, and have bought a town house in central Connecticut. Beginning September 14th the parties and club will continue from there.

Love, Harriet Lane

P.S. My clothes are all in storage right now, and I'm climbing a tree!!!

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Dear Editor

Recently I met a friend of many years (from my 'other' life) at the Tiffany Club.

I wouldn't say I was surprised to meet him, rather, I was surprised to meet anyone that I knew through other associations, as it's improbable to meet any members common to small subsets of the large local population. However, that's not to say that "I would never have expected" him to be one of us. He qualifies in many ways as a possible member of the cross dressing community. He's intelligent,* has many varied interests (that I know of), and, what for lack of a better nomenclature, might be described as having artistic sensibility. (I see this artistic sensibility in Tiffany members who claim to be 'uncultured', and I guess that is one of the factors that makes the clothing we wear attractive to us.) He has a certain amount of Thoreau-style independence, or courage - otherwise, he'd still be in the closet and I would never have known him.

H.C. (MA)

(* As my sister says: "Of course they're intelligent. If they were stupid they'd never get away with it.)

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Dear Editor

When I got home from vacation last Friday, I was delighted to find my first copy of Tapestry. You are to be congratulated for producing a truly fine publication. It is in fact the best I have yet seen and believe me I've seen many over the years. Best of all it contained nothing that would be embarrassing for someone to have others see. My wife Pat was also very positive about it. Kudos!

L.M. (NY)

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Dear Editor

Issue 46 of Tapestry is magnificent. How do you do it? I've met your staff, toured your offices (?) and seen the composing room, and am again flabbergasted. You are a wonder. God bless you and keep up the great work. We need you.

C.B. (TX)

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If you have an item you wish to submit for publication in the Forum, send it to: Editor, The Tapestry, P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

(*** The following letter was sent to Virginia Prince in response to her research questionnaire. Although the letter was written anonymously, Virginia thought the letter was well written and would be interesting and of considerable value to a great many people.)

A PERSONAL REPLY TO THE QUESTION: "WHY I CROSS-DRESS IN SPITE OF SOCIAL DISAPPROVAL"

by Anon-

I don't cross dress in public, so social disapproval mostly has only an indirect effect on me. However, cross dressing is something important in my life that I'd like to share with others, but I know I can't. I also believe most of the social disapproval is based on unrealistic stereotypes of cross dressers. Therefore such pressure is a reason not to make it widely known that I am a TV, and a reason to attempt to change public attitudes, but not a reason to stop cross-dressing.

As far as I know, just my wife, my psychologist and other TVs are aware of my ongoing cross dressing. There is nothing about my public appearance, gestures, or interests to suggest TVism. I don't seek to confront society on the issue of cross dressing by setting myself up as an example. Of those who know, only my wife has reservations. Though she accepts it as part of my life, she feels threatened by it, and worries about the potential loss of status if other people learned of it. She does agree that I can cross dress in private and at TV club meetings. My psychologist (a woman) is very supportive, encouraging me to contact other TVs, to discover the full extent of what cross dressing means to me, and to integrate the needs and feelings I associate with it into the rest of my life. As an example of her support, she came to my house to "check me out" prior to my first attendance at a TV club meeting. I feel lucky to have found this therapist.

The primary reason I cross dress despite the social status of this endeavor is that it is a very rewarding experience for me. It helps me stay in touch with a part of myself - a feminine side - at a very intuitive level where I can explore my feelings in many ways. It's exciting and contemplative, it's an alternate side of myself and a way to view my feelings about women, it's an escape from my usual role and a means of understanding myself in that role. Cross dressing is a creative act for me -- what I do and how it feels vary with each experience. It's inherently spontaneous; I don't have to concoct any special fantasy or frame of mind for it. When the time is right I just do it. The over-all feeling is regenerative, like writing a poem, good sex, or going on a vacation.

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The way all of us dress has a powerful influence on both our behavior and our feelings about ourselves. For me cross dressing is a 'uniform for femininity'. It is a way to enlarge my personality into realms normally disallowed to me as a man. It's an effective means to an end. The influence of assuming the garb of the opposite gender is to induce a strong tide of feelings. Conversely, returning to my normal attire reasserts my usual feelings about myself as a man. Unlike transsexuals and some TVs, I don't feel down about going back to my masculine role. I enjoy both aspects of my identity. Cross dressing is my Japanese Tea Ceremony - a technique for becoming something more by doing something different and seeing myself in a new way as a result.

Social attitudes do play a role in limiting my activities as a TV. If it were acceptable, I'd cross dress in public. Things being as they are it's not worth the risk to me and my family. Like most TVs, I personally don't see cross dressing as in any way self-depreciating, but I recognize that other people do. So, dressing in public doesn't fit in with how I want others to see me.

I have not found cross dressing to be an all consuming compulsion, in the way some others have portrayed it. I've been successful in business, I'm successful in my homelife, and I have many other interests and avocations. I find great satisfaction in my life as a man. My wife and I are exceptionally close and I have plenty of good friends, both men and women. I find the same depth of intense enjoyment in many of these aspects of my life that I also derive from cross dressing.

I take strong exception to the opinions of many psychological theorists who attempt to portray transvestism as some sort of immature fetish. This has not been at all the case in my life. Like most TVs who've studied the literature, I resent the way these theorists try to pass off their ethnocentrism as science. What one reads in the journals even today typically has no relevance to my life or to the lives of other TVs I know. I make the above statements here because psychological theory impacts public opinion in the long run, and the consistent attempts by psychologists to depict sexual variations as inherently inferior must be accorded a key role in perpetuating the social disapproval that TVs face.

In the cover letter of this survey, Virginia Prince suggest that the changing social climate may have resulted in some benefits for TVs. I've found this to be true in my case. Activities and emotions that used to be proscribed are now OK for men. I can wash the dishes, care for the kids, and cry at funerals without worrying about what other people think of me. I also have many more close relationships with women in my work, which I like a lot. I don't think my interest in these new areas of expression is necessarily because I'm a TV - many other men I know seem equally eager to take advantage of them. What these social changes have meant to me as a TV is less of a dichotomy between what I feel as a man and as a woman. The changes have made it easier for me to see both gender roles as aspects of my whole identity, made it easier in my middle years to become a 'well centered TV'.

So far women's lib has not made much of a dent in the social acceptance of cross dressing per se. If the movement continues on course, I think this will come, but it may be one of the last sex role barriers to fall. Clearly women must achieve very close-to-even status before most men will accept the idea of wholesale modeling after women by their peers. I hope I'm around to see such equality, but I don't see it yet.

There has been an impressive liberalization in acceptable menswear, at least for leisure. Many different styles are now acceptable and some of these are almost indistinquishable from ladies sportswear. A couple of years ago major department stores on the West Coast even carried skirts for men. And a substantial number of

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fashion items for both sexes continue to have a 'unisex' appearance, borrowing design themes traditionally associated with the other sex. Although I dress conservatively for work, for most other occasions I take advantage of these new trends. They feel right for me, allowing me in some limited but acceptable way to express both sides of my gender identity. The sole reason for keeping my diffuse feelings secret is to avoid prejudices. When an opportunity like this (answering the questionnaire) comes along to express these feelings openly, I grab it.

I've benefited a lot from the improved attitudes in recent years toward men's shopping in ladies apparel stores. This now is about a notch above 'marginally O.K.' in most places. I presume they get other TV shoppers, but primarily more men now buy clothes for their wives and girl friends. (In the reverse situation, of course, an incredible number of women buy menswear for spouses, lovers and, occasionally, themselves. In some of these departments over 50% of sales are to solo women shoppers. I consider personal shopping to be a part of the 'TV experience'. Since I also buy clothes for my wife, I don't feel especially uncomfortable shopping in these places for myself. Since my work involves travel, I have frequent occasions to do this. For a TV, there is nothing quite so refreshing as walking into Saks Fifth Ave to pick out a new dress.

In my own case, I am sure I picked cross dressing as my tool for exploring femininity because I did this as a child. From what I've read and from discussions with other TVs, however, there seems to be a great deal of variation in childhood experiences. One avid TV I know never cross dressed till age 50, for instance. I'm not sure how my 'entire lifetime' history of doing this might make me different from some of these other TVs. I think it is at least possible that I have less guilt about it and more acceptance of it as a part of the 'real me' than is the case for some guys who didn't start dressing until puberty.

I hope all of this give you some useful data about why I do it. I feel that I've tried to cover every detail that might be helpful in this response. Good luck with your study.

(Appended to the above answer was the following:)

Some Criticisms of Psychological Theories about TVs

In considering why some men cross dress and most do not, I believe most of the psychological community has been too quick to accept the common assumption in our society that there is something 'abnormal' about this behavior. I believe there are several ingredients in their jumping to this conclusion, chiefly:

1.) Many of those publishing see only 'sick' people, so it is natural to associate the unusual aspects of their behavior with their illness. As we are all aware now, the result of such writing tends to give a very biased view of the unusual behavior.

2.) As people immerse in our society, psychologists will tend to share many of the same biases and prejudices that others have. Being a social scientist does not entirely remove one from these influences. Very basic attitudes which few people challenge openly will likely be accepted by psychologists just like everyone else. In the area of sexual deviations this appears to have been the case. In reviewing the literature about things like TVism, one can sense the personal reservations, removal from involvement, or even disgust of the authors. and almost all other hypotheses proposed to explain the behavior are ones that tend to justify the popular feelings that such people are different and inferior.

3.) Because of social pressure, deviant sexual behavior tends to be carried on secretly. This makes real surveys tough to do, leads to the unwarranted conclusion that the behavior is unusual, and promotes the feeling, even among psychologists, that there is probably something wrong with it.

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The problem for psychological theory here is that popular stereotypes tend to translate very poorly into formal science. Because of their assumption that TVism was 'abnormal', psychologists for years attempted to find identifiable causes for it. Theoreticians have sought vainly for genetic, hormonal and early childhood explanations. I've read a lot of the literature, and it's pretty clear that none of these 'unusual influence' theories has much predictive value. (Brierly's famous 'Casebook' did a creditable job of reviewing the early work.)

What I am suggesting is that it is time to kiss good-bye to the null hypothesis, admit that the attempt to isolate TVs scientifically from the rest of humanity has been unproductive, and start looking for a 'normal' explanation of TV behavior. If the theorist can just make it over this first hurdle, I believe that a wealth of potential research possibilities will present themselves. here are a few, off the top of my head.

1.) TVism is essentially the same kind of modeling behavior that psychology has explored in other realms. In most areas of human endeavor, it seems natural for one to model the attributes of that which he admires. Even in sexual roles, we find that this occurs where it is considered acceptable (such as the wearing of similar clothes by those 'going steady', assuming the interests of one's partner, or women wearing their spouse's clothes and jewelry to bed as a turn-on for both of them). Thus, were it not for the social pressure against men's identifying with women, we'd expect to see manifestations of this very commonly. Under conditions of repression, we'd expect to see the kind of underground manifestations that TVism represents.

2.) Cross dressing is one of the expected variations in the inherently androgynous sexual nature we possess. Many theorists now accept the fact that people of one sex are not by nature limited to sexual expressions deemed appropriate for that sex by their society. In sexual roles, such limits on identification and behavior now appear to these theorists to be artificial and possibly maladaptive (for example, in studies showing that couples with at least one significantly androgynous partner fared better than couples without). On the surface, TVs would seem to be a very androgynous group.

3.) TVs are a typical example of how normal people deal with social repression of a sexually motivated activity. Other than being cross dressers, there is nothing out of the ordinary about most of the TVs I know. Indeed, most have outstanding careers (directors of major corporations, lawyers, military officers, doctors and the like) sound marriages, and active social lives. (I'm president of the local Lions Club.) Aside from the need for social contact, perhaps it is very similar to being bisexual or visiting prostitutes at least in terms of the individuals reaction to the repression.

4.) Investigation of activities of other androgynous people, to see what they do which for them might serve a function like cross dressing, could be fruitful. Less immediately rewarding perhaps, would be studying non-androgynous people via projective tests and the like to look for analogies to TV behavior.

I don't know if any of these ideas will spark any enthusiasm among those working in this field. I hope at least they show that 'deviates' like us are not entirely impulsive - we do put some thought into our behavior.

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Going out but you're late because you took too long to dress? Holly has a fix: don't put your lipstick on now, do it in the car while waiting at a red light. It works! What really happens is that the next ten traffic lights turn green as you approach, so you get there early and have plenty of time to put lipstick on after you park.

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(Dear Editor: I wrote to the New York Times regarding the opening of the Harvey Milk school, the first public school in the country established specifically for homosexual adolescents who could not survive in the regular school system. There are 20 kids in the school which opened in April, 14 boys and 6 girls. I felt moved to write because I feel that there is some confusion going on. I hope that you will find this letter appropriate for the Tapestry. I feel somewhat excited by the idea of bringing some of the things I have learned over the years hanging out in "the paraculture" into a broader public arena. - Mariette Pathy Allen)

To The Editor:

While applauding the opening of the Harvey Milk school because its intention is to alleviate suffering and promote education, I take exception to the confusing of sexual preference with gender role preference in describing it as a school for homosexual students. Millions of homosexual students manage to make their way through high school. However, the students currently enrolled at Harvey Milk had been unable to survive in the school system, not because of their sexual preference, but because of their discomfort in traditional gender role stereotypes, as reported in the June 6 New York Times: "for the most part, the males are overtly effeminate, some are transvestites, and the girls are all tough."

As a person who has photographed and interviewed a wide variety of cross-dressers for over seven years, I am concerned that not only the general public, but also, the students at Harvey Milk High School, understand that anatomy, sexual preference, and gender role preference are not bound together like an immutable pretzel, but are each separate choices for us to make. Transvestism, for example, may conceal either male or female anatomy, and is no more an indication of homosexuality than of heterosexuality. For adult cross-dressers, it usually does represent at least a temporary preference for the opposite gender role. For adolescents, cross-dressing boys and 'tough' girls, it might well be an expression of rebellion against the overly rigid role stereotypes their experience has presented them and may or may not be an expression of commitment to a homosexual lifestyle. The danger, of course, is that having come out of a culture devoted to stereotypes, the adolescents may unwittingly accept another stereotype which identifies sexual preference with gender role and may simply assume they are homosexual because of the form their rebellion has taken.

In creating the Harvey Milk school, New York City has taken a civilized step forward. I would just like to make sure that in the process of fighting prejudice, stereotypes are not reinforced.

Mariette Pathy Allen
Photographer and writer

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"A Place To Begin"

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TIRED TV CLUB

Dear Editor

As a 'Tired TV' who rarely dresses up anymore, I don't take a lot of interest in TV-related events, publications, etc. However, the 'Tapestry' will always get my attention. I consider it one of the few publications of its kind worth reading.

I must take issue with Terri Scott who said in Tapestry #46 that it is preferable to go out as a 'Lady' rather than looking like a Woman of the Town. Terri is evidently of the opinion that looking like a 'Lady' will help one 'pass' in public and will make a better impression on people.

One of the worst features of organized TVism in my opinion, is that many TVs regard the apeing of housewives and DAR members as some sort of a virtue. Most TV events that I have ever attended could be mistaken by a casual observer for rituals dedicated to the god of frumpiness. This striving for respectability via blandness and mediocrity is a losing proposition in my book. Middle America will never accept us even if we donate free ten-foot poles. The Gay Community tends to be Avant-Garde, and they laugh and sneer at TVs' pathetic attempts to look like they're on their way to a bridge club meeting. Drag Queens have lamentable life styles, but still they have brains enough to look funky and interesting, whether they fool anyone or not.

The real joke of this to me, is that many TVs put such a premium on their ability to 'pass' in public, yet they pick the most difficult section of femininity to try and duplicate. True and convincing dullness is (of course) produced by years of being dull, and is very hard to imitate. Some smart alec will come back and say: "There is no shortage of dull TVs. They ought to have the home-field advantage on this!" Well, I would agree with part of this, but I contend that an insipid TV will almost always succeed in passing, but only as a clumsy TV or a lunatic, but not as a genetic female.

Many readers will no doubt think I take too hard a line on this subject, but I regard the idea of 'passing' as a fruitless endeavor for the vast majority of TVs. I don't have to use all of my fingers to count the number of TVs I've met over the years who were truly convincing, regardless of whether they dressed respectably or not. I'm not referring to sneaking around dimly- lit streets dressed en-femme, but rather the usual social intercourse that one could expect in any given circumstance. I think that TVs who say that they 'pass' are fooling themselves, not the public.

Back when the newness of it all fevered my brain I thought that I too 'passed' in public. Looking back I can see that the only deception was self-deception. When now I arise from my usual TV sloth, I go out with the understanding that people will recognize me for what I am. Of course, a compliment on the flair I do it with will always please my vanity. (Vanity, thy name is TV!)

Anyone who really wants to look like a secretary is welcome to do so, but when I indulge in Advanced Fantasy Fulfillment I hope for better things! My advice: Throw out your frilly white blouses, banish your obscene polka-dot dresses. Get out the glitter, feather boas and boogie!

Malinda Lee Anderson (WI-0284)

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ON RELIGION

Dear Editor

Religion is not a topic one sees mentioned very often in publications aimed at the cross-dressing community. The leading reason for this is very probably the same as why we find little mention of religion anywhere in society today outside of Church publications. For most people including cross-dressers, religion is such a very personal and private matter that most of us do not want or need to discuss it outside of Church. And besides that, the topic tends to provoke strong feelings and strong disagreements even among friends so that most of us probably feel it is better to talk about something else.

However, I have on occasion found that some of the ugliest reactions and rejections of us as cross-dressers comes to us under the guise of religious zeal, especially from persons who love to quote the Bible, "Let not men wear the clothing of women" (Deut. 22:5) etc. On the face of it, it does seem like an open and closed case against us and it suggests that we must either desist as cross-dressers, or reject the religious authority of the Bible. I believe that the first of these options is not possible for us, and the second is not necessary, and I feel some necessity to say so.

The reason why I feel the topic ought to be addressed sometimes is because I have met sister cross-dressers who have been very badly treated and harshly condemned in the name of religion, and I have met other sisters who are themselves deeply troubled in mind and heart over this seemingly insoluble biblical condemnation. I, for my part, accept the religious authority of the Bible and I am at peace with myself. But to explain how I have achieved the peace would require a lengthy and somewhat technical analysis of the science of biblical interpretation which would probably not be of very great interest to most of my readers. More importantly, I also intend to resist the temptation to quote those numerous biblical passages that enjoin us not to judge others, not to cast the first stone, not to fret about the splinter in our neighbor's eye while having a log in our own, and so on. Shakespeare's dictum is well known: Even the devil can cite scripture for his purposes..., and St. Peter's: The Scriptures contain many difficult things which the unlettered wrestle with to their own destruction (2 Peter 3:16).

It should be sufficient to note that even professional theologians, who substantially agree in what they call the principles of biblical interpretation, never-the-less continue to find themselves at odds over the actual meaning of many difficult passages. These differences derive, I think, not so much from unclear biblical verbiage, as from quite different traditions of living faith that have been passed down from one generation to the next in the various Jewish and Christian communities.

It is, I think, much more fruitful for the contemporary cross-dresser, who may be concerned about biblical faith, to remember that the ultimate biblical message is to affirm the intrinsic worth of every human person, and that God's love and God's kingdom is available to one and all, to Nineveh and Tarses, to the publican and sinner, to the woman taken in adultery, to the good thief, and I am sure, to the person who has a need to cross-dress.

Enlightened churchmen (and women) today have discovered (although not without opposition from some quarters) that the Church has a pastoral mission to the Gay Community, to those confined to prison for their crimes, to the drug addict and the alcoholic, and even to persons caught up in the web of prostitution. It is a shame if cross-dressers, whose "peculiar" life style is surely not anti social, or destructive of self or others, and surely not illegal, immoral or dangerous, are somehow to be excluded.

I do not expect, by this essay to change the course of those who in their pseudo religious zeal want to stone us to death, but I do want to speak to the heart of cross-dressers who, because of

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their religious upbringing, now labor under a heavy burden of fear or guilt, who do not believe in their own self-worth, or who think that religious faith and practice must be abandoned because these hold no place for them.

I have heard it said that a person of faith can move mountains and walk on the water. But I have discovered that most people including the most saintly, generally need to scramble over the mountains on foot, or scurry aboard ship (wearing a life-jacket, yet), if they want to successfully negotiate these obstacles. Religious faith will not banish sexual dysphoria from one's mind and heart. Nor will it simply dissolve the frustrations and inner conflicts of those of us who feel our sexual identity constantly tugging in two directions. The discovery somewhere along the way in life that we are transvestic or transsexual does not need to alter or destroy the meaning and value of our religious faith and practice if in fact these had been of value to us up to that time.

Of this much I am sure. It is not possible, however, to discuss in general terms exactly how each of us can or should deal with specific doctrinal beliefs or ethical imperatives, since in our society there is such a great pluralism. I know what my own Church teaches and what I believe, and I am able to separate out for myself what is essential and what is not, and so I have found peace for me which, perhaps some of my own co-religionists might not comprehend. But it doesn't matter. I have the sneaking suspicion that God comprehends. I suspect that God has far less trouble with it than anyone else. He understands what's going on with us better than anyone else. He (or she) can deal with it, and with us far better than anyone else can.

I hope I do not imply that my religious faith as been reduced to a naive, polyanna attitude about sin. There are some very great evils in the world that some people do. It's just that I'm certain that cross-dressing is not one of them.

Paula Riordan (MA-0447)

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TERRI'S THOUGHTS

THE WELL READ WOMAN

by

Terri Scott (MI-0476)

Being a well read woman is an excellent personality characteristic unless you happen to be a cross-dresser. Then, it is a horrible nightmare come true. I go out in public and although it devastates my feminine ego to admit it, I have been read. I think that it is something that has happened to just about all of us one time or another. The question is how do you prepare yourself for this horrible happening and how do you respond? Screaming in exasperation is understandable, however, it is not the best response in the situation. Neither is running away from the situation on your fragile pretty high heels, chances are you will trip and ruin your nylons along with your dignity. So, what's a girl to do?

First, let's consider some facts about the situation. Whether we care to admit it or not, there aren't many TVs out there in the big wide world. Most people have never seen one of us except on television talk shows. Think about it. How many TVs have your recognized out in the world while going about your day-to-day male activities? I doubt that you can think of more than a few times and you should be an expert at spotting a TV out in public. So, despite 'Tootsie', 'Bosom Buddies', talk shows, etc., most people have not seen a TV in their day-to-day lives. Now if you are passable, and I hope that you are, otherwise you should not be venturing out into public, the chances are YOU WILL NOT BE READ by most people. Naturally, that is assuming that you dress, act, talk, walk and think as a woman. People are simply too busy with their own lives and problems to be looking for you or thinking about spotting a TV today. However, there is always one and that is the one that we have to worry about.

Individuals who read you or think they know that you are not what you appear to be in most cases is satisfying a curiosity developed from seeing us on television but never in person. While the spotter is definitely a threat to your emotional well being at the moment and is definitely destroying your self confidence and feminine ego, the spotter is probably not going to embarrass you in any way. After all, what if the spotter is mistaken? Do you think they want to embarrass themselves? Think positively! We usually have the upper hand in the situation. If the spotter makes a comment, do what any lady would do in the same situation, ignore them and move on in a normal ladylike fashion. DO NOT PANIC! That is the cardinal rule, just get out of the situation as quickly and gracefully as possible. It should be easier than you think. Very few people are going to follow your and harass you, after all, what purpose would it serve? Maybe I am fortunate, but I have never been harassed in any way after having been read in public. I just continue on my way and the spotter quickly fades away. If a spotter was to get aggressive with me, I would do the same thing any woman would and advise him that I will call a cop unless he stops immediately.

The reaction of most spotters is a chuckle and that is it. some may desire a closer look to confirm their findings but that is about it. These observations apply to just about anyone except kids, the true nemesis of the cross-dresser. If a kid reads you everybody in the area will hear about it as the child blurts out in the loudest voice, "Mommie, why is that man dressed like a lady?" This brings immediate stares, talking and mutual embarrassment to you and the mother of the child. EXIT IMMEDIATELY! There is no defense in this situation, there is no upper hand. You have been nailed, so EXIT IMMEDIATELY!

Teenagers are the second worse nemesis of the cross-dresser. Boys will make remarks, girls will point and giggle. These reactions make you wonder how we are bringing up the heavy hormone set in America but no parent could prevent it. Follow the same advice as with kids. EXIT IMMEDIATELY!"

Aside from these two nemeses, going out in public is not the threat that we envision it for the passable cross-dresser if she uses common sense.

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Think positively and act like the lady you are and chances are you will be accepted and treated as a lady. Each time out you will gain confidence and each experience will leave you with a pleasant afterglow of memories. If you haven't got the courage to face the public in shopping malls, stores, etc. then head for the old folks home. There are no kids there and most old folks are happy to have visitors no matter how you are dressed.

THE CROSS-DRESSER'S GUIDE TO SPOTTERS

As a help to you, I have compiled a list of Spotters and the appropriate defensive action to be taken by the cross-dresser to quickly end the confrontation.

CHILDREN (zero to twelve) - They should be avoided at all costs. If spotted, quickly exit; if impossible, toss them a rubber ball, which you should carry in your purse for just such an emergency. Also effective with younger children is a Muffet puppet. Distract their attention from you. Suggest to them that a clown is giving out free ice cream cones at the opposite end of the mall.

TEENAGERS - Quick comments may distract their attention from you. Did you see Michael Jackson over there? This is how Boy George started. Carry a guitar and claim that you are a rock singer. I'm a mystery shopper. Quiet, I'm with the CIA. Look behind that curtain, do you see a camera?

MALE ADULTS - One quick response should send most male spotters on their way. I already have a boyfriend, but maybe we can work something out. I've never had one from a man, how much do you charge?

FEMALE ADULTS - Compliment them. I love your dress. Your hair is beautiful, who's your hairdresser?

If these procedures do not work, scream and run!

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TRANSFEMININE!!!
by Jane Nance (KS-0694)

What am I? ...How about "transvestite"? Maybe "transsexual"? Or perhaps "transfeminine"?

Do you also sometimes feel that none of the common terms for cross-dressers seem to fit you specifically? Well I do! ...So, should I coin or steal a new term to clothe my feelings in? I don't know - but this dilemma, and the corresponding frustration, is the motivation for my attempt to air this subject. Possibly you may have had similar kinds of feelings, if so - maybe this will serve to get more of us talking about the problem.

Do we really need any more labels or titles? Perhaps Elizabeth Warburton's excellent article entitled "No-Name", in Tapestry issue #40, was an appropriate reaction to the perplexing situation created by the proliferation of descriptive or tag-type terms. We certainly seem to have a bad habit of readily branding or categorizing all types of people, behavior or things.

However, most often, those things that are bad or over-done usually also have a good side and an element of utility. Since much of our knowledge and relationships are built upon verbal or written communications, we therefore must rely upon the use of names, descriptions, and categories to tell us what something is, or how it looks or acts. Without good word pictures being formulated, it's difficult or impossible to accurately know what someone is attempting to communicate to us - the problem area though, seems to relate to our tendency to visualize and think in very narrow or confining terms. All too often the mind tends to

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zero in on a particular image that is quite black and white regarding the described item or behavior mentioned. We don't like encompassing or general descriptions and words, they lend themselves to making us ill at ease about whether we fully or correctly understood that particular matter.

However, no doubt, many of our definition and term problems stem from the fact that people are too diverse and complex to fit a "hand full" of descriptive names. Sad to say, all too often when people don't fit the described definition we go ahead and attempt "to jam their little round bodies through some even smaller square hole" rather than to consider expanding the meaning of the term. Maybe this is due to our tendency to like things to be nice, neat, and precise. But in the real world, people aren't that accommodating in their behavior or make-up to conform readily to a few limited descriptive terms.

Is this question of terminology really "all that important"? Are the motivations for raising the issue valid? ...Surely Merissa Lynn wouldn't have gone to the trouble of writing, publishing and up-dating a list of definitions unless they were valuable and beneficial... In our relationships with other people, and more importantly for those in helping roles, there is a vital need to understand what motivates them, what fulfills them, how they view themselves, and what is their self-identity and feelings about themselves! If we fail to understand these kinds of things, then there is a strong tendency to miscommunicate. Our initial premises, expectations and comprehension of that person are faulty ones!

It seems to me that these considerations are vitally important in understanding and relating to cross-dressers, whether it is by professionals, the general public or as peers attempting to share with one another.

For several years now, I personally have been ill at ease with being described as either a transvestite or a transsexual, i.e., based upon the normally used descriptions of both. Also, no other category or name in common use seems to appropriately fit my feelings or behavior patterns... Usually the definitions of a transvestite describe such a person as one who cross-dresses but who has a basic identity and self image of being a male. Whereas, a transsexual is commonly defined as one who either has had, or is contemplating, an operation to make their body look more like the sex that they feel themselves to be. This is most often put in the terms of "a female mind in a male body." It's worth adding that Merissa offers what I consider to be an excellent further meaning to these terms when she says, "The basic difference between a transvestite and a transsexual is that a TV is most interested in gender expression, and a TS is mostly interested in gender identity. For most TVs, the clothes themselves are very important. For most TSs, clothes are a way to reinforce their identity. That is a fundamental difference."

As previously mentioned, to describe myself as either a transvestite or a transsexual, based upon the normal definition, strikes me as being inaccurate and imprecise. These terms, as defined, do not fit the way I feel or my self-identity... After living for 55 years, nearly 45 of such during which my cross-dressing feelings have been quite overt, I suspect that I have gained a fairly accurate understanding of my true identity and what the "real me" looks like. When I turn my eyeballs around and look inside my head and mind - what do I see? Well, it's definitely not someone who feels basically masculine! Then that should make it easy - if I feel feminine and have a male body, then I must be a transsexual... Wrong!... At least not according to the commonly accepted definition of a transsexual, since I'm not contemplating on having a sex-change operation.

When I have resorted to the use of the term transsexual, or that I'm inclined towards transsexualism, it has been suggested to me by both a professional in the field and a leader among cross-dressers that I'm probably inaccurate in using that term to describe myself. They intimated that I likely could not have the happy and normal heterosexual relationship that my wife and I do have, and still be a transsexual. Apparently they tend to

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feel that if I am truly a TS, I would be driven to break-up my marriage relationship and have my body remoulded to that of a woman.

However, my reality tells me that I feel like I was born with a basic female identity (and a desire to have the anatomy of the same). When I dress as a woman my interest is not primarily in the clothes themselves (although I do enjoy feminine and pretty attire). Rather, these garments enhance and validate my feelings of a feminine self-identity. When my wife and I take our various out of town trips during which time I live totally as a woman (several days to nearly a week - so far) I don't feel like a male dressing in women's clothes. Instead, I feel totally like the woman I visualize myself to really be. There is absolutely no element of feeling out-of-place when I'm trying on clothes in a woman's dressing room or in taking care of toilet needs in a restroom... Also, for me to desire that people know that I'm a cross-dresser, such as store clerks or waiters or waitresses in restaurants, is abhorrent to me. This is due to my feeling like a woman and the desire to be accepted and treated like one. Although, let me assure you that it certainly doesn't concern me that other cross-dressers may want to have people know that they are male cross-dressers. And, from a practical standpoint, if I weren't fortunate enough to pass effectively, I would probably have to compromise my feelings and let it be known that I was a cross-dresser in such situations.

If I feel like a woman and at the same time love my wife dearly and enjoy relating to her sexually by the only sexual means I possess - then what am I?... Some people would say"weird"!... However, since I haven't chosen to have a sex-change operation and am not contemplating it, I certainly don't fit the usual definition of a transsexual. In turn, since I don't possess a basic male self-identity, the term transvestite doesn't correctly describe me either. and I'm definitely not a transgenderist since I'm living and functioning in the world most of time in the male role. How about calling myself a "heterosexual transsexual"? There's something to say for it. But the post-op TSs may feel that such a term would more appropriately describe their situation... Do we need another term or category to cover my particular reality? Maybe! Could it be "transfeminine" (a male who feels like a female, strictly undefined in relation to any issue of an operation - perhaps! Or, how about expanding the meaning of transvestite or transsexual to cover a wider range of conditions? No doubt that would also be a possible solution! Not that I'm suggesting that I have the best or most appropriate answer to the name question. But I am convinced that the presently defined terms leave me stranded "in a no (wo)man's land" of inadequately described feelings and identity.

Is the problem truly of such magnitude that it's really worth addressing? I think it is, especially since I suspect that my feelings are likely quite similar to that of many other cross-dressers. Since most human

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conditions aren't normally unique, it's my guess that there is probably a sizeable number of us with a basic feminine identity who have chosen to deal with our condition by means other than a sex-change operation. Although, in all honesty, I should probably add that were I young and single again, likely I would give extremely serious thought to having my body changed to look like my mind. but I'm not young, and I have a very good marriage with a wonderful woman. Also, I have three "neat" grown children and am successful in my business endeavors. So, I have compromised my sexual identity feelings to my overwhelming positive life situation. However, this is not always easy and it naturally frustrates both my wife and me at times. But even though I live with a considerable amount of frustration caused from this anomaly - I can still unequivocally day that all in all "I have had a good life!"

We know that life is full of compromises. Any worthwhile and lasting relationship involves compromise and concessions. Even though it means giving up something, compromise often provides a positive side element in the maturation process. Since people often use compromise as the means of dealing with a problem, I suspect that many of us with female sexual identities use this method to resolve our situation. Although this is not meant to intimate in any way that the operation is, or is not, the most appropriate solution for any one person. Only that different people resolve similar or the same conflicts by varying methods.

Going back to the basic question of appropriate descriptive terminology as it relates to this question, it may be of interest to mention something that Doctor Harry Benjamin wrote to me many years ago. About 20 to 25 years ago this extremely busy and dedicated man took the time to answer a letter I wrote to him. In his response, Dr. Benjamin said that transvestism or transsexualism are not static but rather on a spectrum. He mentioned that one may be closer to one end than the other or somewhere in-between. Further, he suggested that they may move back and forth over a portion of the spectrum over a lifetime. I feel that he is one "smart old man" who comes much closer to the truth than do the static definitions normally encountered!

So, whether we come up with new terminology or a more expansive interpretation of the current terms, we likely need to at least openly air the question, and try to arrive at some better answers!

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Mirror, mirror
In the mall,
Say I'm pretty,
Not too tall.

Tell me others
See me this way
As I stroll
Your busy hall.

Tell me, tell me
Those who see me,
Those who pass me
Always fall

For the me
You say I see.
What else is there
After all?

- Carol Sue S. (FL

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PUBLISHORIAL: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SEXUALITY AND GENDER IDENTITY

by

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Does the fact that you are a transvestite necessarily imply that you are "heterosexual," as certain TV groups seem to think? Or does it mean that you are "homosexual," as society thinks? Or does it have even the least little bit to do with it? And what about transsexuals? Are all transsexuals "straight," or can there be those who enjoy "lesbian," or in the case of Female-to-Male transsexuals, "gay" relationships?

Sexuality (which sex you prefer waking up beside) differs quite a bit from gender (which sex you prefer to be, or to act like). They are both mind-sets ... if you feel like a woman then your gender is that of a woman ... if you feel like a man then your gender is that of a man. In the same way, regardless of your biological sex or gender identity, you may feel sexuality towards either of the sexes.

I have heard it propounded that transsexuals who prefer sexual partners of the same gender have a harder time passing their pre-operational psychological examinations. The psychologists seem to think, "Well, if you like having sex with [wo]men, then why do you want to change your sex?"

I think this is preposterous, and quite damaging, also. I freely admit that I am a male-to-female transsexual. I also will freely admit that I enjoy sexual partners of either gender. I can find nothing wrong in this; it is just the way I am. I also feel rather strongly that it doesn't affect my gender identity at all. I will feel like, act like, and be a woman for as long as I live, as much as I can, regardless of my sexuality.

Of course, there are those, who, for one reason or another, or none at all, are basically "gay" people who enjoy wearing the clothes of the "opposite" sex. There are also those who enjoy wearing the clothes of the "opposite" sex, and enjoy the sexual company of the "same" sex. What difference does it make?

All in all, I believe that Gender and sexuality should not be cross-referenced. They are not at all related phenomena, when dealing with cross-dressers, transsexuals, or other people. Why should anyone even have to get worked up about it, as I have. Accept people for what they are. We'll all be a lot better off for it.

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CENTAUR

I, who am half woman and half male,
somewhat like
the Centaur of Greek mythology
who was half a man and half a horse
knowing not whether to use
hooves or fists or a kindly word.
And I know not
whether to use manly fists
or womanly guile.
In shape or form I am as other men
but in my mind? That's different.
It may be as the mind of woman,
but how am I to know?
Always and forever
I want to be as other women are,
and yet,
the maleness shows
dooming me to a half life in each world
and yet maybe, perhaps,
the best of both.

- Dorothy

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The Hormone Guide

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1. TYPES OF SEX HORMONES

The ones that are of interest to transsexuals are estrogens, progetogens and androgens.

(1) ESTROGENS (22 of which have been isolated to date) are produced naturally by females and are secreted by the ovary, the adrenal and by the tissues of pregnancy. They are also produced to a small extent in males (from the adrenal glands), and levels are no higher in M to F TSs. There is also no evidence that the male experiences the cycle effect of hormones as in the female. The primary estrogens are oestriol, oestradiol and eostrone (the weakest) and are known as steroids. Used mainly in the treatment of M to F TSs.

(2) PROGETERONES are again produced naturally by females, and are mainly concerned with preparing the lining of the uterus to receive the fertilised egg. They also act to 'feminize' the body fat (e.g. breast development), cause lactation, the regulation of the monthly period cycle, and affect such psychological matters as libido and depression. Synthetic gestogens (e.g. Provera) are now little used in the treatment of transsexuals.

(3) ANDROGENS are produced naturally by males in the form of testosterone and are secreted by the testes, and to a lesser extent by the adrenal glands. They are also steroid hormones, causing pubertal development of testes, production of facial and body hair, lowering of voice, etc. They are also produced to a small extent in females in the suprenal glands where they help to control the menstrual cycle. Testosterone is used in the treatment of F to M TSs.

An anti-androgen hormone Androcur (a cyproterone-acetate) which acts as a blocking agent for the androgen is sometimes prescribed for M to F TSs.

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2. PRESCRIPTION OF HORMONES

The following hormones are generally prescribed for transsexuals:-

M to F

(1) PREMARIN consists of conjugated estrogens extracted from the urine of pregnant mares. Administered in tablet form orally, usually 7.5 mg daily. The tablets are enteric coated so that they dissolve after passing through the stomach, thus avoiding possible stomach upsets. This dosage level is extremely high when compared to contraceptive pills containing estrogen, and may be reduced sometime after surgery (when testosterone is no longer produced from the male testes and only in the adrenal glands).

(2) ETHINYLOESTRADIOL or MESTRANOL (also rarely oestradiol monobenzoate, and

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oestradiol valerate) are synthetic derivatives of Oestradiol. They are extremely potent estrogens and fairly long acting. The first two (ethinyl- and mestranol) are administered in tablet form orally, the recommended dosage being 60 mcg (.06 mg) daily; the latter two (monobenzoate and valerate) are usually given by injection in an oily solution and are therefore absorbed over a long period and may be given at monthly intervals. Hormonal implants have been tried - a small pellet inserted under the skin which releases the hormones gradually and lasts from 1 to 6 months - but have not been very successful (because of the lack of control over the regularity of release).

(3) STILBESTROL) (also rarely dienoestrol; chlorotrianisene, and methyl-enoestril) is chemically unrelated to the naturally occurring estrogens, but with similar biological effects to estrogen. It too is administered orally in tablet form, from 0.5 to 1 mg daily, but being comparatively toxic, is not often used. There is some evidence of a correlation between its use in TSs and breast cancer, and it is not well tolerated by mouth.

F to M

TESTOSTERONE (various trade names such as Tesoral and Sustanol) is a group name for a number of different hormones, artificially made. There is usually a small dosage in tablet form initially, taken intra-muscularly or sub-lingually (under the tongue) but as the body cannot absorb enough this way, it is then administered by injection (about 125-200 mcg every 2 weeks, or 250 mcg every month).

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3. EFFECTS OF HORMONES

The sensitivity of any tissue reaction to a given hormone dosage will vary from one individual to another, and the degree of change in the various tissues will also be different for different individuals. The tissue changes that can occur are listed.

M to F

(1) BREASTS. They may become sore. Enlargement will commence as a thickening of the 'plate' of glandular tissue present behind the pigmented area around the nipple. The main enlargement takes the form of increased fat and water deposits behind this 'plate'. There may be a deepening of the degree of pigmentation of the nipple and areola, and a degree of enlargement of the nipple. There may also be a small secretion from the nipple. Increased fat level may produce quite respectable breasts, but it does vary with the individual, and for those who equate 'femaleness' with large boobs they are likely to be a disappointment!

(2) BODY CONTOURS. Due to the deposition of fat, there may be a small increase in the hip circumference, in the circumference of the thighs and in the pads of fat typical to the female at the side of the neck, back of the shoulder and upper arms. The sharp outlines of the face may be softened by a 'filling out' with an infiltration of fat. It is an unfortunate fact that dieting often results in loss from the breasts while leaving the increased body fat in place.

(3) SKIN. It is variously described that the skin becomes smooth, silky, translucent, elastic, etc. This may be exaggerated, but it is true that the ageing processes of the skin are retarded, and the person can look younger.

(4) HAIR. Because blood supply to the skin has increased, there is sometimes an improvement to head hair, but whether one becomes bald or not owes more to one's genetic inheritance. Body hair may (but does not necessarily) assume a feminine pattern of density, and estrogens will not stop beard growth, although if electrolysis is given regularly, it may be retarded if associated with estrogen doses.

(5) VOICE. Voice is unchanged in any way by any hormone treatment for M to Fs.

(6) GENETALIA. The testes may decrease in size, but the penis will not

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actually atrophy. It may however appear to do so, as in the long run the estrogens cause 'chemical castration', i.e. impotence and sterility.

(7) PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT. Possible effects include a decrease of libido (sexual drive), weepiness, indecisiveness, and passivity or placidity, although it is difficult to disentangle these effects from the emotional response of patients to their over-all situation.

In conclusion, the 'pill' is not a miracle drug which can turn a man into a woman overnight - or indeed ever. Estrogens will bring out dormant feminine potential in a male, but taken pre-operatively they are always fighting in opposition to the male hormones (androgens) which they may help to reduce but not eliminate. Taken post-operatively that will have a more marked effect (the testosterone level will then be much reduced to the level of a post-menopausal woman), and breasts may increase somewhat in size again, etc. but they will not reverse totally the effects of puberty in the male direction.

F to M

(1) PHYSICAL EFFECTS. These usually include a lowering of the voice, body muscle growth in bulk and power, some redistribution of body fat, and growth of facial and body hair (the amount will vary according to genetic hirsuteness). The testosterone administered stops the production of estrogen in the body and thus menstrual cycles usually cease.

(2) PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS. There is no marked increase in aggressiveness of dominant behavior. These effects are likely to owe more to conditioning (although M to F TSs often report a reduction in agressiveness when they take estrogens). In any case evidence of a correlation between testosterone hormone and aggressive/dominant behavior is not clear. One study (Persky etc. 1971) appeared to show that there was a significant reaction for younger men, but this was not replicated. Another study with prison inmates had mixed results.

The general effectiveness of testosterone to F to M TSs is superficially better than that of estrogens on M to Fs - i.e. F to Ms look and sound more authentic as males without needing the electrolysis and voice training etc. needed by M to Fs. Hormones of course have no effect on the body size and bone structure of either gender.

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4. SIDE-EFFECTS (CONTRA-INDICATIONS) OF HORMONES

As with the positive benefits, the negative effects of hormones are a matter of individual response which varies greatly from one person to another. The following are some of the problems that may be encountered, but will not necessarily do so, especially the more serious ones.

M to F

(1) SICKNESS Most estrogen preparations are gastric irritants, and particularly in the synthetic hormone preparations like stilboestrol. Often there is nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or other changes in bowel habit. The ill feeling often passes after some weeks of taking the drug.

(2) NAIL BRITTLENESS. Absorption and metabolism of vitamins is affected by the hormone treatment, causing nails to become brittle and crack easily. Halibut oil or multivitamin preparations can help in this area.

(3) DISEASES. The estrogen input will not in itself cause certain diseases, but people with a history of the following diseases should not receive estrogen medication: heart (because of fluid retention), liver and pancreas, cancer, diabetes, pituitary gland tumor.

(4)THROMBO-EMBOLIC DISEASES e.e. a blood clot forming, specifically a stroke,

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deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism and myocardial infraction. This is the most potential danger, since the dosage levels are, for instance, much higher than women on the contraceptive pill. The risk factor may be as low as 0.005% deaths (i.e. 1 in every 20,000) or as high as 0.1% (1 in every 1000) but there is no long-term information specifically on TSs, although there are well documented cases of men on high estrogen doses getting these complications (the risk being higher when the type of estrogen is synthetic). a precaution that all TSs would do well to adopt would be to ask for regular blood pressure and blood lipids tests.

F to M

(1) ACNE. Spottiness and pimples are often a by-product of initially taking testosterone but this usually goes after a while, just as in adolescent males.

(2) LIVER DAMAGE. Some possibility of this due to increased water retention (as in M to Fs).

(3) ATHEROMA. Treatment with androgens almost certainly increases the risk of atheroma developing, the commonest form of arteriosclerosis, that leads to heart attacks, strokes and gangrene in the feet.

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5. CONCLUSION

There is undoubtedly a risk in taking hormones, but then so much of life is risk anyway, so the risk factor has to be weighed against the quality of your life and how it will affect your expectation of it, as well as your expectation of life itself. Judge carefully the pros and cons in your own case with taking the pill. Be patient and careful. Monitor what is happening. Listen to informed medical advice (most GPs are not endocrinologist) and don't expect too much of the pill. More dose does not mean more development. However, with these cautions in mind, there is not reason why andy TS (with no medical problems) should not take properly prescribed hormones from their doctor or GIC. If there is risk there is also benefit.

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6. SUMMARY

Some 'DO'S' 'DON'TS' for the use of hormones:

DO go to a doctor or G.I.C. to get hormones. DON'T try to get them from other TSs - they may not be the right ones for you. Once you have them DO take them regularly without large gaps or any development will be curtailed. Therefore be sure before you start.

DO try to have a through medical examination prior to taking hormones, paying particular attention to cardiac history and problems, blood pressure and circulatory efficiency. GPs - and some G.I.Cs - are very lax about this, unless you ask.

DO take the prescribed dosage, which may be less than the average quoted earlier, especially to begin with. There is nothing to be gained, and much harm may be done, by going 'over the top'.

DON'T have unrealistic expectations. There will be some body changes but they will not be overnight (6 months to 2 years is the normal range of time) nor will they be very dramatic. It is probably the minority of M to F TSs for example who develop enough breast growth not to need implants.

DO come off hormones prior to gender reassignment surgery, whatever your surgeon does nor does not say! All medication should cease before any operation and this is especially important for M to F TSs where estrogen dosage increases the risk of blood clotting.

DO reduce the level of dosage after the operation. DON'T cut it out altogether - the body needs a maintenance hormone balance - but remember that too much is unnecessary and could be dangerous.

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DO try and have regular blood pressure and blood lipids tests (at least once a year) after the operation. Again, you may have to specially request your GP to refer you to a hospital for the latter.

Finally, DON'T get paranoic about the pill! Use it well and it will serve you well.

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POCONOS OUTING

JOYCE DEWHURST SPRING WEEKEND 1985
(A First-Timer's Experience)

by
Cheryl Ann Costa

I had read about these weekends for over two years. Kathy Hivish had written great reviews in her Regional GGA newsletter. My dear friends Barbara and Angela showed me picture albums and wrote wonderful comments in their letters to me. I guess it was time to go and experience for myself, A JOYCE DEWHURST WEEKEND.

PREPARATION:

My first decision was whether or not to take my dear spouse along. We discussed the subject at length and she agreed with me that Cheryl really should go and try the first one on by herself.

Shortly after sending in my deposit money I realized that I didn't have a "thing to wear". After sorting through my wardrobe I bottom-lined my problem to not having an outfit suitable for the 'MISS TRASH' and the 'MISS POCONOS' contests. Karen (my spouse) and I put our heads together and came up with our own version of 'MISS TRASH'. 'MISS POCONOS' was a different story, something else needed to be done. Karen then suggested that

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Cheryl go to a bridal shop and get fitted for a formal. That wasn't too hard, since our club (Butterfly) had a shop on its support list. After three hours of fussing and fifteen gowns later the right look was found. (Remember, when shopping for a formal or a wedding gown, NEVER shop for a dress. Rather, shop for a look and remember your bridal consultant KNOWS what she's doing.)

As the weeks passed, my excitement grew, until until some last minute panic set in. Why panic? False fingernails of all things! I usually wear a glue-on type of nail that I attach with special peel-off double sticky tapes. (Which, I might add, work just fine for 6-10 hours.) This would never do for a full weekend. Oh, the frustrations of vanity. With this in mind Karen suggested that Cheryl treat herself to acrylic nails. (For those of you who have never heard of, or seen these nails, you're really missing something. They amount to having a nail built on your nail with a material the consistency of fiber glass water skis. They don't come off because they're bonded on.) Rosey, the lady who does Karen's nails, was approached and loved the idea of doing mine. Karen told me that she looked forward to doing them as much as I did.

So, the day before going to the weekend I took a vacation day and got dressed and drove in to work with my wife. Cheryl passed relatively well, even in the day-time, but going to a crowded beauty salon was causing me some second thoughts. The lesser of two evils was Cheryl getting worked on drawing little or no attention, the worst case would be my male self attracting all kinds of attention. Rosey did her usual fine job and an hour later I had long 3/4" nails with red polish and a rhinestone on the pinky. The nails were ground off on the ends with a square tip.

The rest of the day was spent shopping for small last minute things. (Let me tell you that feeding parking meters with 3/4" nails is a real bear.) Later that day after I picked up Karen from work we went home, got supper ready, and I finished packing. Taking off my makeup was the next real treat I had with the new nails. Karen found much amusement as I nearly removed my eyes from their sockets. After supper Karen also reminded me that I had better call my neighbor and cancel our Thursday evening pool match at a local redneck bar, which was a regular thing. (I'm sorry, long nails I could hide, but fire- engine red ones I couldn't.)

THE WEEKEND:

Friday morning I got up with the chickens and did my final packing. I only packed two medium sized ski bags and made a carry-all from some steel sack bags. Karen was very proud of me. I usually pack enough for six people. Little did she know that I still did.

She dropped me off at a donut shop by the highway exit where my friend Maureen and her wife Barbara were to pick me up. I was dressed in male attire (black parachute pants and shirt, with a white vest) (and 3/4" fire engine red fingernails). I gave Karen a kiss to hold her the weekend, and she suggested I get a cup of coffee and a donut. After looking at the crew of construction workers in the donut shop and then at my nails, we decided that I could live without coffee this morning.

While waiting for Maureen I decided that I really needed a couple of things from the CVS store across the street. The sales girl lost her teeth when I handed her the money with my flashy nails.

Maureen and Barbara finally came and drove around the parking lot very slowly looking for me. Unfortunately they had never met my male persona, only Cheryl, so it took a couple of minutes until they recognized me and stopped the car.

THE POCONOS:

We arrived at the resort at around 1:30 in the afternoon. The resort was just what I expected - a small family owned resort nestled off .the main roads, easy to get to, but hard to find.

We checked in and got our room assignments. I was to share a room with Barbara B. from Long Island. About a dozen folks had already arrived, so we chatted briefly, then I proceeded to my room to begin my metamorphosis.

I opened up my room and began to unpack my things and get organized when Barbara made her appearance. We had been corresponding for almost a year, but had never met. We greeted each other and chatted for the better part of an hour before I decided to make another serious attempt at getting dressed.

Then Joyce Dewhurst dropped in to share some tidbits of information. The most interesting of the tidbits was that the resort had a new restaurant staff of 16-17 year old girls who had never been exposed to ladies like us before. Joyce then pointed out that all the girls were volunteers, and that they were told up front about us.

Joyce left, and I finally got dressed. Barb and I went over to the club house to mingle. It was very obvious that only a fraction of the girls had arrived, but the ones who had, had already begun being social.

After a few introductions the first of the memorable characters arrived - Clete! This gentleman is the Dewhurst equivalent of Provincetown's 'LAMBCHOPS'. For the first two hours that I had contact with him I found him to be a royal pain in the rump pads.

Then, as Mr. 'T' would say, "Some Fool" broke Joyce's $2500 sound system. The main problem was the cassette tape player was damaged. That got a lot of people down very quickly. If it wasn't fixed there would not be music for the evening events. At this point I told Barb that I had worked in a Panasonic service center once upon a time and that it's too bad I didn't have my tools. As if by magic a very well equipped tool box was put at my disposal. I never dreamed how much fun it would be to remove tiny screws with 3/4" nails. (It's also amazing how if you need a drop of super-glue you can never find any.) Well this was one of those cases when I asked for some super-glue, I received about 10 tubes. The sound system was fixed and the party was on for after dinner.

Dinner was just fine, but it was obvious that the new restaurant help was very nervous, and they weren't looking us in the eye.

MISS TRASH CONTEST:

I was told that the objective of these contests is simply entertainment. the objective was met across the board. Coming from up-state New York, my vision of 'Miss Trash' is much different than a lot of people's. I used a sequined tube top with overly pumped up boobs (44d's). My skirt was a metallic pink with a very uneven hem. Hot pink hose with fish nets over top and silver platform heels. Last, but not least, the vampiest makeup I could dream up. Gina, the girl from New York City, had trash down to a fine science. Besides winning, she made poor Cheryl look like a wholesome country girl out for an evening of Disco dancing. after

Joyce Dewhurst

Cheryl with 'roomie' Barbara

the contest I went back to my room and jumped into a red party dress and went back to some serious partying.

SATURDAY MORNING:

The girls from the resort came around about 9:30 ringing school bells as a half hour warning to breakfast. I will not tell you about trying to shave and wake up in a cold shower. It seemed that the experienced girls knew enough to get up early and take their hot showers, effectively using up all the hot water in the unit of rooms. Waking up worked fine, but shaving was a real bear.

At breakfast the resort girls were still not paying much attention to us. After a a very fine conversation with Corin from NYC, we decided that the girls from the resort needed a course in 'Transgender 101'. After a lot of talking, mostly from us, they warmed up and asked very sharp and intelligent questions. By lunch time they were smiling at us and by supper time they were even talking with us and joking around a little.

MISS POCONOS CONTEST:

My male side made one appearance all weekend, and that was Saturday night at supper. I had taken my day makeup off in preparation for the contest. Also, I wasn't going to expose my gown to gravy, rain or pondering eyes until the right moment. The three judges consisted of Merissa, Corin, and a GG who's name was Missy. We as contestants were asked to waltz up in front of everyone and act pleasant. The original field of contestants was 25. the field of callbacks was 8, then the last of us was 3. Morgan, Madam X, and myself. The tension built as the judges argued and then consulted with Joyce. The three minutes that they conversed seemed like thirty. Then Joyce picked up the microphone and named Morgan as third place winner. After giving the trophy to Morgan, Joyce announced that Madam X was the second place winner. It took a couple of seconds for it to cog on me that I was first place. ME! "MISS POCONOS!" Have you ever had the hell scared out of you so that your legs tremble when you sit? That's the kind

(With fire-engine red lipstick, dress, and especially with those finger-nails, Cheryl was out to set something on fire!)

"MISS TRASH"
(Criterion: Who would make the most money on 42nd St?)
Winner: Gina (Her couturier was the Man From Glad)

of nervous rush that suddenly came over me. Within a couple of minutes everyone with a camera was snapping pictures.

The rest of the evening was spent chatting and general partying until the wee hours of the morning.

SUNDAY:

Cheryl is known for her contrasts. Clothing that morning consisted of a purple flowered print cotton wrap-around skirt, a green tee shirt, orange hose and silver platforms. This outfit was a sure hit with the folks that had hang-overs. The morning was polished off with a wine and cheese party by the pool. It was during this party that the resort girls (remember them?) decided that they wanted to challenge a bunch of us to a volley ball game. If you ever need to get a set of custom nails taken off in a hurry, a volley ball game will sure do it. By the way, Merissa is a great volley ball player, but she doesn't take a friendly game as seriously as I do. She didn't lose a single nail, and I lost them all.

DEPARTING:

Leaving from a weekend like this was sure tough. Barb was going to cry and I guess I would have if we said too many good-bye's. I made a quick trip around the grounds and said farewell to the fine people I had met this weekend. It was the first time that I got to see many of the girls in their male personas. My GOD what contrasts. I went back over to the main house and thanked the owner/host for the fine weekend and presented him with a bottle of fine upstate New York wine as a token of continued friendship from our community.

We packed Maureen's car and left with our clothes, wigs, exposed film and trophies. The only thing that we couldn't pack were the fine memories. Those were beyond the reach of mortal hands.

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"MISS POCONOS"
(**Criterion: Who would you most like to take to the Met?)
L-R: Morgan, 2nd Runner-up
Madam X, 1st Runner-up
Cheryl, 1st Place

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P-TOWN

Dear Editor

I would like to thank you and all of the Outing participants for making my stay in Provincetown so completely enjoyable. You may not be aware of it, but the P-town Outing was a "do or die" situation for me, and thanks to all of you wonderful people I have found a renewed hope. Everyone was so helpful and caring it astounded me. I also owe some very special "thank you's" to the ladies from the Tiffany Club Wives Support Group who were so helpful in offering their assistance and advice on some of my personal family circumstances.

Karen Ann N. (ME-0786)

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"There's a Transvestite Convention at the motel next door!"

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P-TOWN

I had a great time at P-town, even though I did not get to know some of the girls at the guest houses/hotels other than the Crown & Anchor. Time there was too short. I had planned to do all sorts of things like ride bikes and horses, go whale watching, etc. Instead I spent all the time getting to know people. In any case, I satisfied the two main purposes of the trip, namely: have fun, and talking with people who feel the way I do.

Micheline (Can.)

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P-TOWN

Dear Editor

A little about myself. I grew up in New York, on Long Island, and went to school there, obtaining a degree in engineering. Lived for a year in Massachusetts before moving to Texas some 20 years ago. Also, my mother's family comes from Mass., having settled there as Pilgrims in the 1600's. Am a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (couldn't figure out how to get in the D.A.R.!!!). Also, am an active Mason and Shriner, and an Elk. am active in technical societies, and very well known in the academic world, having presented many papers to technical symposia. Am listed in "Who's who in the south and Southwest". Thus, for security reasons I can only use my "femme" name.

I have had an overpowering interest in things "femme" since an early age -- 9 or 10, when I would sneak into the attic and explore trunks of old clothes. Dressing for many recent years had been confined to hotel rooms while on trips, until last year when I discovered Tiffany and Tri-Ess, and found that I could indeed come out of

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the closet. Last summer, I started on a "crash" program to acquire street clothes and learn make-up. Read Dr. Virginia Prince's book, and Muriel Olive was a great help to me. All of this culminated in Tiffany's P-town Outing '85, which was a stellar experience.

P-town was many things to me ... several I expected, and one I did not expect. I expected to be able to dress, and I did (nervously at first). I expected to be able to go out in P-town, and I did, without problems. I expected nice restaurants, and a quaint waterfront New England town, and I was not disappointed. What I did not expect was an emotional experience! The degree of acceptance from most of the town was incredible. The people, all the people at the Crown & Anchor were absolutely fantastic... from Ernest helping me with my things, plus his outstanding encouragement, to that wonderful Lillian who was a tremendous help in encouraging me to get dressed and out the door!

What can I say? I have never, never met so many wonderful supportive people in my life. In the suite at night, when Merissa was playing the guitar, I have never felt so much love and friendship in one room in my life.

Unfortunately, I had to leave Friday morning. While flying over P-town I looked down at the Crown & Anchor, and though of the wonderful girls I had met, and I cried. And yes, it was "unexpected". What a beautiful emotional experience.

Love, Bette J. (TX-0543)

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PERSPECTIVES ON PROVINCETOWN

by

Roger E. Peo, Ph.D.

I recently attended a portion of the Tiffany Club Outing at Provincetown, Massachusetts and came away with several observations and feelings, some of which I would like to share with you.

First, why does Tiffany Club have these outings? I think it is to provide a relatively safe social setting for transgendered persons. Here they may dress in ways that may be prohibited in their normal surroundings, yet go about regular human activities such as shopping and dining in restaurants. Secondly, it provides and opportunity to meet and exchange ideas and feelings with other transgendered people, perhaps for the first time. Through these exchanges, the people who attend can grow.

Tiffany Club arranged the weather to perfection -- not too warm and not too cool and without rain. Perhaps this beautiful weather was the major reason for the streets full of people, mostly tourists, but many local people appeared to be out too.

Now, consider the setting in Provincetown. It has a reputation as a haven for 'unusual' life-styles. The gay and 'hippie' communities have long been associated with it. Further, it is known for being relatively 'open' -- anything (almost) goes. Now I submit that two different kinds of people go to Provincetown: Those who want to enjoy the comparative freedom that the environment permits and those tourists who simply want to shop, enjoy the tourist attractions and the beautiful beaches.

It is inevitable that these two different groups should confront each other during the normal course of events. What happens during such situations can have wide variations depending on the attitudes of the particular individuals. Amusement, curiosity, fear, hostility, apathy, and obliviousness are but a few emotions that come to mind. I want to focus on fear and/or hostility because I observed a fair amount of these emotions on the part of the 'straight' people who encountered the cross-dressed males who attended the outing. Phrases such as, "Go home!", "Put on a pair of pants!" and "Faggot!" were just a few of the phrases I personally heard. Of course there were the stares and smirks that were unaccompanied by any audible comment. On the other side of the coin, the majority of the people on the streets said or did nothing. Also, there was gracious acceptance from many shopkeepers and restauranteurs.

Going to Provincetown during an outing of cross-dressers with the express
purpose of cross-dressing in public is a no-win situation. Why? Provincetown is a resort town. The women who go there dress very casually, some wear shorts and others wear jeans. Very few are 'dressed up' and fewer wear skirts, panty hose and heels, especially of the weather is warm. Thus the cross-dresser can be faced with a dilemma. If he wishes to blend in with the crowd, then it is probably necessary to wear slacks or jeans and a casual top.....and little makeup. If he wishes to wear more feminine attire, there is the strong possibility that he will be 'read', stared at, and perhaps more overtly harried.

The impact of these negative interactions on the attendees at the outing can be upsetting. Some cross-dressers come to Provincetown with the expectation that they will not be harassed. When they are, the damage to their feelings can be traumatic, especially if they are just learning to understand their feelings. At the very least, attendees should be aware that Provincetown does not equal Paradise -- not everyone they meet will be understanding.

I talked to several participants and their partners about the comments and attitudes of the people they encountered. Some felt it was a great challenge and others were threatened. Some of the ones who were upset were bothered because they had the expectation that they could move freely in this environment as 'a woman'.

The emotions often spilled over onto the women who accompanied the crossdressing men. These women are supportive of their partners, so any

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heckling they encountered, directed either toward them or their partner, was often discomforting. The wives were disturbed because they felt that the comments directed at their partner also reflected on them. In some instances, the women were harassed even when not with their partner, because they were often more dressed up than many other women on the street.

Now, for a bit of philosophy -- what is infringement on the rights of other people? Whose rights take precedence? Specifically, I refer to the rights of transgendered people vs. the 'rest of the world'. It can be argued that Provincetown's reputation is well known enough that anyone coming there should be prepared to accept other lifestyles and simply pass on. I suspect that this is simply too much to expect from humanity in general and especially from people who are judgmental in their everyday lives. In any event, there are two, often conflicting sets of human rights to be considered. The question seems to be -- do the people on the street have the 'right' not to be exposed to 'unusual' lifestyles even when those persons are not directly interacting with each other? I have no solution to this conundrum, but I thing the issue needs to be highlighted because it comes up in many other settings.

Now is all of the above an argument to do away with Provincetown outings? Absolutely not!!! In the first place, the people who are upset or afraid when they see cross-dressers have to deal with that themselves. Each of them, every day, is confronted with situations that are unpleasant but must be dealt with. So long as they are not being physically harmed, nor physically harming the cross-dresser, I see no problem.

Secondly, Provincetown is probably one of the more 'forgiving' environments for the cross-dresser. The only other places I know about are San Francisco and certain parts of New York City. Thus is it appropriate for Tiffany and other groups to hold outings there. The environment does allow the cross-dresser an opportunity to move relatively freely although he has to learn to be oblivious to the stares and comments. He should, however, not expect to 'pass' as a woman, the scrutiny is simply too intense. Women who accompany the cross-dresser to such an outing need to be aware of the potential for confrontation on the street. Their only defense is to ignore the comments and stares or not walk with their cross-dressed partner.

What is the answer? If there is on, it is that while an outing at Provincetown is an opportunity to grow, it must be tempered with realism. The people there, while usually more accepting than the general public, are still people. Provincetown is not Paradise.....

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TIFFANY'S PROVINCETOWN OUTING 1985

SANDI'S THOUGHTS
by
Sandy Scott

It is now Sunday evening, time for me to reflect on my week in P-town.

Before this past week I had always felt a nervousness, a certain uneasy feeling about myself each time I left the safety of my apartment. That was especially true when I first knocked on Tiffany's door 12 months ago. Since then Tiffany has helped me greatly to overcome my fears, but even after 12 months that uneasy feeling was still with me. I needed something more. Tiffany's Spring Outing in Provincetown was certainly 'something more', so I gathered up my courage and decided to attend.

Last Tuesday morning I packed for the Outing. "Oh God", I thought to myself, "what have I gotten myself into?" I wanted to unpack and stay home, but stuck to my convictions. I packed enough clothes to open my own shop (my makeup alone needed a suitcase). Why did I bring so much? All the makeup in the world wouldn't help me pass.

I dressed and drove towards P-town. As I drove I tried to think of the new friends I would make, and the fun we would have. Then I looked in my mirror and my deepest fears began to haunt me. I was sweating so badly my best foundation might just as well have been water for all the good it was doing. I applied another coat, and kept on driving.

"Dammit!" Another flaw. It was my eyeliner. When I applied it my hands must have shaken so badly that it made my eyeliner look like an E.K.G. graph. What else could possibly be wrong? What had I forgotten? I knew I should have checked. I just knew I was going to be read.

When I arrived in P-town I parked the car and stepped out onto the sidewalk. My heels became stilts, each going in opposite directions. God! If I fell on my ass I was finished for sure.

Gradually, my steps became more even as I went on my way. I cautiously looked up at all the laughing faces I expected to see, again asking myself, "Why did I ever come?" I saw no laughing faces, and reached the safety of my room.

That evening I went to dinner feeling assured the mild rain and darkness would keep people away, and hide all my make-up flaws. The evening passed without incident.

I awoke Wednesday morning to face a brilliant sunrise. There would be no shadows to hide in. What would I do now? I froze, daring to go out only as my male self.

By Thursday I had walked P-town's Commercial Street so many times I knew each shop by heart. Finally, by Friday I had gathered enough courage to go for broke. My stay in P-town was half gone and 'Sandi' hadn't climbed out of her shell yet.

With a deep breath I pushed 'Sandi' out the door saying, "This will be a shopping spree to end all shopping sprees." I went into a pre-selected shop and picked out a blouse. The sales girl **insisted** I try it on. There I was, undressing behind the half shutter of my dressing cube. A moment later I emerged to check the fit in front of a full-length mirror. In an instant I spun and spun again. Everything fit! I had to have it!

I couldn't decide which shop to try next. Everything looked so good! At the street corner a policeman held up traffic for me. He smiled at me. I smiled back, then added a polite nod to show my appreciation. My grin grew larger.

On I went, postcards for my friends, t-shirts for my co-workers. I needed more shopping time - no time to waste looking at people looking at me. Rule #1 was all I relied on. If I smiled at them first, they must smile back.

I shopped all day, then danced all night. By Saturday morning my feet had died. I searched through my shoes and asked myself which pair would get me through another day. I made my selection, stopped briefly to glance in a hallway mirror. My make-up needed a

little powder. No big deal - and out the door I went.

The tourists were back. The sidewalks were more crowded than ever. I had to remember to keep to the right or I would forever be bumping into people. A car passed me, and a female passenger stared at me. I stopped and stared back. (She was wearing an outfit I liked.) A man walked towards me, a big man wearing a full dress marine uniform. I thought a little window shopping was in order, and he walked by without a glance. The day and evening passed without major incident - except for the pain in my feet from all that walking and dancing.

Bong, Bong, Bong went the church bell. It was Sunday morning, and my face was destroyed from shaving. Even the gash I put in my neck my first night in P-town was still there. How was I ever going to cover that mess? (If ever I needed my cosmetologist, Sunday was the day.) The hell with it - a little foundation here, a dab of blush there. I knew I wasn't fooling anyone, but for some reason the fear I felt on Friday about being 'read' just wasn't there anymore. I put on my lowest cut sweater, the one that comes down to my bra, and out I went.

It was, however, Sunday - time for me to leave P-town. I had done things I had never done before, and seen things I had never seen, but, what really happened? The week gave me time to better understand 'Sandi'. She used to be something inside me, a fantasy, an ache longing for relief. Now she's as big as life (a bit of a show-off, but that's OK). This past week I came a long way towards being comfortable with my fem identity, towards being comfortable with myself, and that made my week in P-town fantastic!

On the Drive home the traffic was bumper to bumper, very slow, giving me time to think about my week. As I drove over the Sagamore bridge I looked down at the Cape Cod canal and felt a shiver go down my spine. My arms became covered with goose bumps. It wasn't from the cool morning air. It was from Sandi inside me, her eyes were filled with tears as she glimpsed in the rear view mirror for that final look at Cape Cod.

Tomorrow I have to meet my friends at work. They will ask, "How was your vacation? What did you do?" They'll never believe what I did. I realize I'll have to tell them the truth. I followed the yellow brick road to the land of Oz and stayed in the Emerald City. It's up to them to understand. Most likely they'll tell me I need a vacation.

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TIFFANY CLUB'S PROVINCETOWN OUTING 1985

SUSAN'S THOUGHTS
by
Susan Reynolds

I had attended Tiffany's first two outings in '81 and '82, but have been unable to attend since. Finally, in '85 I was able to attend again, and was excited - seeing old friends again, wandering about town, and simply relaxing.

My preparations, and pleasure, began long before the outing - contacting TV sisters who might be going, deciding what to take, what needed to be bought, etc. (To get myself in the mood, whenever possible I took care of my preparations while totally dressed.) Virtually all else went on hold in anticipation of the trip.

Finally, the eve of my departure came. I had planned to get a good night's rest and leave for P-town Tuesday morning. Being too excited to sleep, I was up at 1:00 A.M., loaded up the "Toy" (my English sports car), and was off.

Eleven hours later I was in the Crown & Anchor's hospitality suite giving Merissa (whom I hadn't seen in three years) a big hug. I then took my bags to my room, very carefully hung up my femme clothes and enthusiastically threw my male clothes in a bag and hid them (leaving absolutely no evidence of male occupancy). Then I slept for two hours.

After the nap, still dressed in male clothes, I wandered back to the hospitality suite. Dorothy (Canada), Winnie (NY) and Pat (ME) were there. Friendships were renewed, hugs exchanged, memories remembered, and laughter shared. It was good to be back in Provincetown.

The four of us joined the rest of the group and walked through a light misty rain to a lovely place called the Boatslip for dinner. -- I put my head down very early that evening.

Susan Reynolds
(photo: Susan Reynolds)

Wednesday morning was bright, beautiful and cool, and I began my transition from male to female (both emotionally and in appearance). The physical change was easy. The emotional change was not.

With a pot of tea at hand I methodically, and very slowly, changed to my "feminine being". Finally, the transition was complete, and I felt wonderful, but nervous. After all, I hadn't been in P-town for three years, and my courage to wander the streets wasn't quite up to par. So, carefully carrying a cup of tea with me, I wandered to the hotel's deck overlooking the harbor to smell the sea air, enjoy the view, and relax a bit.

Then it was time to step out of the hotel onto the street. Giving myself a final check in the mirror, I said as reassuringly as possible, "Susan, you are a lady and you are welcome here," - and was off. No one was about, and I quickly regained my confidence. Had a pleasant breakfast at Pronto's, wandered casually about

the shops, then back to the Crown & Anchor for a business meeting.

After lengthy discussions about retreats and tax exempt corporations, Winnie and I sneaked away to Alice's Restaurant (of P-town, not Arlo Guthrie, fame) for lunch. (A bit of a giggle. A young couple sat down at the table next to us. They were trying desperately to make up their minds, whispering, trying to look at us without being obvious, etc. Winnie and I were not about to help them. They are probably still wondering.)

On the way back to the hotel, stopped and bought twelve postcards (all the same - two girls in bikinis on the beach). I addressed them to various TV sisters, and wrote, "Have only been here two days and already they have me on a postcard - I'm the one in the green bikini!" Back to the business meeting for more exciting discussions on retreats and taxes.

On Tuesday evening I went to dinner unshaven, unwashed, and exhausted. On Wednesday evening I thought I would try something different - a street length white dress with very full sleeves, jade jewelry, and light auburn wig.

The group went to dinner at Ocean's Inn. Ocean's Inn was special to me. It was where I stayed during my first Fantasia Fair in 1978, was the scene of many tears, and more laughter than I can remember. Our hosts, Mark and Horace, went out of their way to make us feel welcome. They put three tables together, held our chairs for us, and graciously took our orders. Their smiles were genuine, and their graciousness a delight. They made us all feel relaxed, and feel special. It was a wonderful feeling. I was especially surprised, and pleased, to find that Mark and Horace remembered me, especially after my three-year absence. Then, in addition to an already marvelous evening, and the pleasantness of our hosts, the meal was excellent.

We were enjoying an after-dinner drink in Ocean's lounge when we met Michael and Doug, hair stylists from the West End Salon. Both were in very trendy "seaside resort" female clothing with absolutely wild makeup. It was the dramatic eye makeup which was the attention getter, and I must admit, I admired it. It was far too young a style for me to wear, but none the less, very striking. Later they joined us in the C&A's hospitality suite for a delightful late night chat.

Susan & 'roomie' Nichol
(photo: Susan Reynolds)

Thursday morning was bright and warm - truly a lovely day. I felt none of the hesitation that I felt the day before. I looked feminine, and even more importantly, felt feminine. Confidently, I left the hotel and joined Laura (MA), Stephanie (MA), Jessie (MA), and Josie (Egypt) for breakfast at Pronto's. Then, it was back to the C&A for more business meetings.

(** I still had a bit of breakfast on the front of my blouse and asked Lil, the C&A's housekeeper, how I could get it out. She told me that she would take care of it for me. - Lovely lady.)

After the meetings I wandered with five of the girls down to a nice little restaurant called the Cottage for lunch, stopping to pose in front of the sign for a restaurant called 'The Painted Lady' (and we all certainly

were!). After lunch we went to the West End Salon where Michael gave us a makeup demonstration, and a number of us made purchases. Winnie was a bit chagrined to find that her purchases had been put into a bag that was clearly labeled, "For Kotex disposable napkins". Oh well.

By Thursday afternoon I was completely into being Susan - relaxed and very comfortable, and definitely enjoying myself.

That evening a number of us had dinner at the Courtyard restaurant. The conversation was light and easy, the food good, the surroundings nice and the ambiance very pleasant. After dinner it was a bit of a trudge back to the hotel (3" heels not withstanding). We gathered in at the hospitality suite for drinks and a lot of chit-chat. A number of the girls changed into peignoir sets, but I contented myself with simply taking off my shoes and curling up on the couch. (I did enjoy those late night gatherings. It was a wonderful way to unwind from the day's events, to develop friendships, and to simply relax.)

Friday morning I was up and about early, changed rooms to a lovely double room overlooking the harbor. Nicole Stevens (NJ), my roommate from four years ago, was going to be my roommate once again.

After changing rooms it was back to Pronto's for breakfast (again). After stuffing myself (again) I went for a long walk through some of the side streets away from the coastline, and wandered in and out of a few stores. There were no comments or second looks from the passers-by. (Could it be that I was passing?) I then wandered through the stores on Commercial where most of the girls spend their time. I was concerned if not nervous about that 'area', but I needn't have worried. With very little effort my voice went to a slightly higher contralto, and I carried on. On incident in particular - I went into a drug store for makeup. The girl behind the counter (I shall love her forever) went to great lengths on mascara and eyeliner. She was courteous and pleasant, and she treated me as a regular person, concerning herself with what I needed, and not on what I was. That was most important.

My confidence was reinforced and increasing as I continued to wander. In a small department store I purchased some hose and was admiring a blouse when a sales girl asked me if I wanted to try it on. (OH-MY-GOD!) I was confident, and certainly into being Susan, but I wasn't quite ready to share a lady's dressing room with other customers. I couldn't, so I didn't.

By early afternoon my legs were began to bother me a bit, so I made the trudge back to the Crown & Anchor. Merissa asked Stephanie, Laura and me to take over things for the afternoon so she could have a few hours off. We agreed, and settled in for the balance of the day. People wandered in for the weekend, paid their money, got their room assignments, problems resolved, etc. My roommate Nicole arrived and got herself settled in. My long-time friend Jamie (NY) arrived looking like I looked when I first arrived, so I promptly referred to her as a ruffian. Went out and bought flowers for the hospitality suite, and generally had a very busy and happy afternoon.

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By that evening the entire group had arrived. Dinner was to be at The Mews, one of may favorite and most elegant restaurants in P-town. For the occasion I wore a loose fitting black dress with full sleeves, ash blonde wig, and opera length pearl necklace gathered together just above my bosom, fastened together there with a silver and pearl pin.

I told everyone, "Tonight I'm respectable, I'm wearing my pearls." Rather unkind of them to laugh!

Winnie and I were seated with Elinor and Ann (of Total Image). The waitress was giving us the menus when I saw her looking very closely at me. I thought I recognized her and asked, "Did you take a number of pictures of me three years ago?"

She laughed and said, "Yes." (Among those shots, taken at Pronto's, were of her and me comparing bosom sizes, and one of Merissa and me - both well over 6'2" in heels - with Pronto's Pat, barely 5', between us. It was like a pup tent between the twin towers.)

The dinner at the Mews was, as always, excellent, and served very well. I felt so good that I half expected a chauffeur driven Rolls to be waiting for me when I left. As it turned out, I walked back to the hotel through a pelting rain storm under an umbrella shared with a sister - an unceremonious end to a lovely evening.

When I finally got back to the hotel (at two in the morning), Nicole, who was half asleep, decided it was time to get caught up on three years worth of gossip, happenings, etc. At four in the morning my responses were limited to - "Oh really?" "That's interesting." "You didn't!" Etc, Etc.

Saturday morning I got up, quickly got dressed, and was out the door without so much as a second thought - some different than the nervousness I felt and the care I took getting dressed on Wednesday morning. Spent the day browsing through the stores until my 3 p.m. appointment with Elinor (Total Image).

(** Each time I am at a gathering where Elinor is, we get together and she a) sells me a wig, and b) then watches me adopt a style of dress to match the personality of the wig. Last time she sold me an ash blonde gibson girl style wig with tendrils, and wound up wearing a black semi-sheer blouse with long full sleeves and lots of ruffles, black velvet skirt with a slit part way up the thigh on one side - an outfit totally out of character for me, but it worked!)

This time Elinor sold me a short ash blonde/platinum wig, very short and all upswept. She also re-did my makeup. I then changed into a very pale purple dress with full dolman sleeves, wore a single heavy gold chain, and a second thinner gold chain with a gold sovereign hanging from it. What a change in my appearance! She was right - I did keep things too low key. It was a look that was striking, but perfectly acceptable for both business and evening.

I asked Nicole whether I should wear a belt with the dress, and she told me, "No, you've gained too much weight. Forget it!" Cheeky comment, but I went without the belt.

After looking at myself in the mirror I felt very good about how I looked. I felt happy and "up", and went back to Elinor's room so she could check me out. She was chatting with Josie when I walked in. "Are you proud of what you have accomplished," I asked.

Josie asked, "Who is this?" Elinor told her and she said, "My God!" - didn't know whether that was a compliment or not.

Ate dinner that evening at a place called the Plain & Simple. The food was excellent and we certainly were pampered and catered to - and I loved it! Karen (ME) and I got talking with

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two gentlemen at the next table. They finished their dinners then stayed to continue the conversation.

After dinner ten of us wandered up to Ocean's Inn for after-dinner drinks. Roberta, the bartender, had recently been on a European tour. Having recently been in England myself, we exchanged impressions about various places. She then came out from behind the bar and we chatted for quite some time.

From Ocean's it was on to the Pied Piper (it was going to be a long night). Part of the group danced, and part of the group sat at the bar. (Considering my 4 1/2" heels, I joined the latter group.)

After the Pied Piper it was back to the C&A where I exchanged into a long pale pink robe with a light design on it, and joined the group in the hospitality suite for drinks, snacks, more pictures, and lots of talk. Virtually all the girls were really wound up - excited - chatting - singing, etc. (Those late-night gatherings are always so pleasant.) I paid a brief visit to Aunt Harriet's (CT) room, and then dropped into bed about three. I was so shattered I didn't even take my makeup off.

Sunday was quite warm, and I decided not to 'dress'. Rather, I wore tennis shoes, shorts, and a T-shirt which had the Toy (my MG) in correct color on the front. Once again, it was to Pronto's for breakfast, where Dorothy (Vancouver) promptly and repeatedly insulted me about my apparel. Finally, I was able to enjoy the balance of my breakfast with quiet, "civilized" conversation with Mariette (NY).

Jackie (NH) and Maegan (NJ) were among the many girls having breakfast, and I stopped by their table briefly - deepened my voice - bid them good morning, and expressed the hope that they were enjoying themselves in P-town. They gave me a strange look, nodded politely and said, "Thank you." (Since they had never seen me not dressed as Susan, I really don't know at what point they realized who I was - if at all. It was a dirty trick, but the expression on their faces was worth it.)

After breakfast I wandered about a bit, took pictures, and stopped at a shop and bought nine buttons which say, "Snoopy is a transvestite."

That afternoon I chatted with Merissa about the reception scheduled for two by the C&A's pool. We were by the pool early helping with the set-up, and chatting with Bobbie Raye, the bartender. We watched the girls arrive. My favorite moment came when Rita walked past me. I said, "Rita, how are you?" She didn't say a word, and just kept on walking. (Apparently she didn't talk to strangers.) Since she, like Jackie and Maegan, had never seen me not dressed as Susan, I called her again - she turned and I said, "Look at me - look at me!" She got very close, and then after a bit very tentatively said, "Susan?" What a giggle.

The Steak & Lobster put on a super spread - cheeses, shrimp, stuffed mushrooms, fruit tray, champagne, sandwiches, etc. Really lovely. The reception went on to 4:30 with everyone stuffing themselves, and a number of the girls making multiple changes of outfits. (With the stairs leading from the deck to the pool it was a perfect setting to make grand entrances, and show off.) (Pat from Maine, for example - I do envy her for the way she wears her clothes.) The afternoon was spent with lots of chatter, sunbathing, games on the beach, pictures, etc.

After the reception we went to a performance of "Birds of a Feather" - female impersonators - a fast paced and well presented show.

After the show I dressed in a pale cream blouse and dark blue skirt. Met Roberta (Boston) in the C&A's bar and went to Vermelli's restaurant for good steaks and lots of conversation. At the next table were two couples from Tiffany's Wives Support Group - all dressed in what society regards as 'appropriate apparel'. Went over to Siobhan's (MA) wife Ann, put an arm lightly across her shoulders and said, "Honey, I've been watching you. How about if we go dancing at the Pied Piper?" Siobhan cracked up laughing, and the two of them joined me for an hour's conversation, exchange of impressions, viewpoints, stories, etc.

Went back to the C&A where Elinor and Anne decided they had to go to the Pied Piper again. (Where did they get their energy?) Thank goodness Helen

(NH) and Jackie were there to dance with them.

Monday morning it was time to leave. I put on Hanes Alive support hose (helps prevent leg aches during a long drive), and long pants (what a strange sensation after six days of skirts). Said good-bye to Merissa (always an emotional experience for me), embraces, handshakes and tears, and I was off.

Driving home the Toy performed like a champion, the radar detector saved my 'bacon', and ran into bad weather in Pennsylvania. At home my spouse gave me kisses and hugs, had a light snack, a shower, and went to bed.

On Tuesday I felt better after a good sleep, unpacked, did three loads of laundry and two hand washes, sorted jewelry, sorted film (something like ten roles), called Merissa to thank her, and talked with two local sisters about the week in P-town. Really a lovely way to wind down after the adventure.

- END -

AFTER THOUGHTS:

It is now two months after the Outing, and the total pleasure of the trip is still there. If there was anything unpleasant (and I don't think there was), I have forgotten it. The anticipation of the trip - the drive to P-town - the change into feminine attire - my emotions during the change - the arranging of the flowers in a vase for my room - the feminine bits and pieces about the room - the fresh scent of the Gemines powder when I put it on - the click of my heels on the pavement - the feel of my breasts on the inside of my arms when I reached for something - the fishing deep into my purse for my lighter or whatever - strolling about - gathering courage in myself as a woman - the renewing of friendships, meeting new sisters - the giggles - the superb food.

I, as a woman, relaxed and 'became' my second self. The comfort and pleasure from those days as a woman helped me to again face my male world. I am secure in the knowledge that when I am totally upset, and quite unable to cope with the ugliness of today's world, I can again escape to my fantasy world of womanhood. All of us cope in one way or another - my way is to become a woman (a lady) for just a few hours, a day, or a weekend. I feel that it makes me a better person, a more caring person, a person who truly understands her/him self.

I quite enjoyed myself on this little adventure. It is something that all TVs should do at least once. The support that it gives to you as woman is unreal.

The only thing that I can say is that I am sorry that I missed '83 and '84. The adventure and rewards were too great. I do look forward to seeing the group next year.

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Karen, Denise & friend
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Believe it or not, Josie & Dorothy are best of friends. Must have been something they ate!
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Diane, Harry
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Joanne & Roberta with Bobbie Raye
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SIOBHAN'S STORY

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Nothing in my upbringing would have indicated I would be a cross-dresser. As a boy I was a typical hell raiser, played all the sports, pulled the standard tricks, and was in my share of fights - and trouble. Fortunately, I had some talent for organization and leadership, and rose to State leadership in my youth group. In college I served as president of my fraternity, and as treasurer of the intra fraternity council. So, how did a guy like me become a cross-dresser? I honestly don't know.

I do know that I've always felt more comfortable in the company of women, and often felt envious of them. Also, I have always enjoyed the touch of nylon and silk. As a child I enjoyed touching my mother's slips and panties, and often went to sleep caressing the satin edges of my blanket. As I grew older I felt a growing compulsion to wear these things. It frightened me. I resisted until I could no longer resist. One night, when no one was home, I took one of my mother's night gowns and wore it around the house. I experienced a sense of tranquility, of exhilaration, of energy. It felt wonderful, and I had to do it more.

It was difficult for a thirteen year old boy to buy things for himself, so I planned my buying around holidays like Christmas and birthdays, and bought for myself under the pretense of finding a gift for my mother or sister. It worked quite well. I even had hiding places where no one knew. Everything was fine for a few years until my compulsion grew so strong that I needed something more - a lot more. I did not know what that something was.

Finally I went to the Green Apple, a night spot north of Boston that specialized in drag shows. I'll never forget the group playing that night. They called themselves 'Fantasy Follies'. Their leader, Ms Ty Bennett, was a wonderful caring individual who seemed to understand my problem. A black entertainer, named the Contessa, took me under her wing and helped me feel at ease. It was the first time I could remember feeling at ease with my compulsion. Then a new problem affected me. For the first time I knew I was not alone in the world, but, all the entertainers in the show were gay. Until then it never occurred to me that I might be gay. I cross-dressed - therefore I must be gay. It was only logical.

Every night I went cross-dressed to Ty's show, and felt more and more comfortable being who I was (or thought I was). But, the thought of being gay ate away at me. I didn't feel gay. I liked women, not men. The confusion was overwhelming. I never felt quite like that before.

I began to experience a new sensation - guilt. I began going to a rough Boston drag bar called Jacques. There were many drag queens there, but they were not classy individuals like the Contessa and Ty Bennett, and once again I felt out of place, very much alone, and frightened.

Then I met Nate, a bartender at Jacques. Although he was gay, he helped me understand that being a transvestite did not necessarily mean I was gay. In fact the probability was that I was not. That was a tremendous relief to me... but by that time I had already learned guilt, and guilt is not something you lose easily.

Nate then introduced me to Richie, a black waiter whose heart was bigger than he was. Richie invited me to store my clothes at his place - my first closet where I could change and go out without fear.

I began leading a double life,

maintaining a regular job by day, and doing female impersonator shows at night. The compulsion to cross-dress became so strong that it became the center of my life, and a new element entered my life - now I thought I was a transsexual.

I began looking for literature on transvestism and transsexualism, but all I could find were smutty magazines. Even the libraries were void of information. I was lost, with nowhere to turn.

Then my father and I bought a business and I buried myself in my work - too busy to think about cross-dressing. I began dating, and became so engrossed in my work and love life that my family only saw me when I came home to shower, change, and leave. I had entered my 'macho' stage, trying to prove, perhaps more to myself than anybody, that I really was 'a man'.

In 1978 I met and married my first wife. It was to be a disaster. I figured if I got married the cross-dressing/transsexual thing would go away. It didn't. To be honest with her I told her about my past life. It did not seem to matter. She just did not want to talk about it, and I felt relieved. At least she knew. But there was a problem. She thought that because my father and I owned a business, we were wealthy. Also, she wanted a father, and not a husband, and started making unreal demands and attacking my 'masculine' ego. "What kind of man has his wife work?" "If you were a real man you'd be making more money." "You're the man of the family, you do it!" Then for some reason I didn't understand at the time she reversed her habits and started acting like a loving wife. She brought up my cross-dressing for the first time since I told her about it, and asked me to dress for her. I resisted for a couple of months then gave in. After that I could dress when she allowed without reproach, and I began to relax. Everything, I thought, was going smoothly, and we had a good marriage developing. I fell right into the trap.

One night she invited me to dinner. Then, she had divorce papers served to me in the restaurant. God knows how I survived the things that happened next.

The only charge she had was that I was a cross-dresser, and had not told her before we were married. That was a lie. She tried to ruin my business by telling people I was gay. That was also a lie. She was trying to destroy me, and she was succeeding. I was on the verge of an emotional breakdown, barely able to function as a human being. Finally I had to give my father my power of attorney. He, together with my attorney, negotiated a settlement to be approved by the court.

The judge, after reading our cross complaints and investigating the circumstances, awarded me 85% of our personal property, and her the bills for that property. The judge even told her from the bench that if there had been any children from the union she would have granted me full custody. The fact that I was a compulsive cross-dresser was not relevant.

The divorce was painful, and left many scars, not the least of which were extreme anxiety attacks. Anything and everything could set me off. My cross-dressing became my only source of security. I became more or less a recluse and wanted to associate with no one. Then I met Ann.

The first time I saw her something told me I wanted to know her better. When I told her she had cute buns, she just turned red and giggled. (My drag show days gave me a sense of timing and delivery that let me get away with saying things that other men get slapped for. However, that comment was probably why it took me six weeks to get her phone number.)

I called her from a pay phone (my new home phone had not yet been connected) and bent her ear for three hours. It was a very expensive call, but was the best investment I ever made. I became positive that there was something very special and wonderful about Ann. I asked her out for Friday night, and she accepted. Then a new problem developed.

My guilt complex bred a confess-all syndrome in me, and I had to tell her about myself and give her a chance to back out of the date. How could I tell her? I would do it over lunch, face to face.

I went to meet her for lunch, but she was already at lunch, and my plan was already blown. I decided to tell

her anyway. I looked at her, and as calmly as possible said, "I used to do shows as a female impersonator."

She sat there calmly, looked at me, and said, "Oh really? .... Why did you tell me this?"

"Because I felt it was unfair to you not to give you a chance to back out now if you want." She didn't.

I made a beautiful impression for our first date. It ended up lasting 28 hours, and I did everything wrong. I showed up an hour early (I wasn't too excited) with a single long stem red rose, kept her out all night (which went over real big with her family), and had her so nervous that she was still sober after a beer and seven black russians - and all we did for the evening was talk. By the end of the date I knew she was the girl I wanted to spend the rest of my life with. The problem was convincing her she wanted me.

Immediately after that first date I applied for an ecclesiastical (church) annulment. I wanted the freedom to marry in the church again. It was my faith in God that had carried me through so many problems and I knew if this was right, he would help me now.

(Anyone who has gone through a Catholic church annulment could tell you, it's the most humiliating experience anyone could endure. They asked questions regarding sex, how I felt about children if I had a desire to have sex with men, and other things that were too humiliating to even talk about.)

I began seeing a therapist to help me deal with my compulsion to cross-dress, and be better prepared when and if the annulment went through. Ann accepted my proposal for marriage, and began going to the therapist with me. The therapist put cross-dressing on the back burner. The compulsion to cross-dress was not the problem we should have been dealing with. He wanted me to deal with the emotional upheaval I was suffering, and for Ann and me to be better prepared for married life, and to make sure as many questions as possible could be discussed before marriage, and settle them properly. In general we made our sessions into prenuptial counseling (which was a church requirement anyway).

Slowly the barriers to our marriage crumbled, except one. Ann had never seen me cross-dressed and I didn't know if she could handle it.

I had a couple of pictures taken of myself dressed. One evening we were having dinner in my apartment when I placed the photos face down on the table. I wanted her to see them but I wanted her to be prepared to see them at her own pace. They sat there all through dinner and most of the evening. We were watching television together and she went to the kitchen for a drink, or goodies, I don't remember what. She came back with the the goodies, and the photos, and said I looked good.

The next step was her actually seeing me dressed. We planned the same scenario as for the photos. While she watched television, I slipped away to change. Needless to say I was scared. What if she took one look and left me? On the verge of panic, I came into the living room. She looked me up and down and said I looked like a girl she went to school with, and I had great legs. It was one of the few times she has given me a hug when dressed. There were no more barriers.

The day we were married was the happiest day of my life. Our wedding wasn't until 3:30 in the afternoon, but I was so nervous I was up and ready to go at seven.

Our honeymoon was more than we could have asked for.... but once again a problem loomed. I had not really indicated how compulsive my 'hobby' was.

The old questions came back again. "Was I gay?" "Was I transsexual?" The difference was that this time Ann, and not I, was asking them. Also, another old problem emerged. She married a man, and wanted and needed a man. (The primary difference between Ann and my former wife was that Ann wanted a husband, not a father, and she loved me.) Even though I tried to be her man when I knew she needed me, she still couldn't help but wonder. She realized that I was what I was (whatever that was), and would be for the rest of my life. If she was going to be able to live with that she needed information and help. I loved Ann far too much to lose her, so we began looking for as much information on the subject as we

could.

Another old problem emerged. The only source of information we could find were smutty magazines. Then one day I found 'The Tapestry'. When I got it home I was amazed. It had solid information I could hang my hat on, and a club close by called 'Tiffany'. "What's this? A phone number?" I called and Merissa Lynn answered. She let me ramble on for five minutes to the point I thought she had hung up. she told me of a Wives Support Group meeting coming up on Friday. I made an appointment to be screened and to attend the Wives Support meeting.

That meeting was great!!! The only cross-dressers I had ever met before were gay drag queens and entertainers. Here at last were other people like myself, and for the first time I truly knew I was not alone - and so did my wife. For the first time she had other wives like herself talk to.

In the year since we first joined the Wives Support Group we have learned more on how to live with my cross-dressing than we could have hoped for. We learned that not only were we not alone, we were not even really unique, which has done wonders for our peace of mind. Ann has learned that I am neither gay, nor transsexual. I have learned that when Ann says, "Enough is enough " then enough is enough (even though I still have a tendency to shove it down her throat a little). We have both learned to be more understanding of each other's needs, how to better give and receive devotion, and how to be more supportive of each other. We have learned not to fear the future.

My wife's love is my pride and joy, and my marriage my most prized possession. I know she dislikes my cross-dressing, and would love for it to go away. Using the old cliche', if there were a pill to make the desire to cross-dress go away I would take it, not because I don't enjoy it, I most definitely do, but because it would take the pressure off Ann. When she hurts, I hurt, and would do anything to make that hurt go away, even take that pill. But there is no pill, and the desire is not going to go away. The next best thing to that pill is the Wives Support Group, which, I sincerely believe, has saved our marriage.

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"No, Herbert, I will not buy it two sizes larger just so you can wear it, too."

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"TOOTSIES" WHO SUFFER

by Dr. Robert A. Butler

Dustin Hoffman's brilliant performance in the recent movie 'Tootsie' has given millions of Americans a vague awareness of the subject of transvestism. Perhaps the film will stand as a plea for the understanding and compassion that transvestites need, but there is also the danger that 'Tootsie' will lull us into believing that cross-dressing is always a lark with a happy ending.

The male transvestite belongs to an invisible minority group that has suffered just as much agony and horror as any other minority in the history of human-kind. Transvestites have been committed to mental institutions, placed in public stocks, hauled through city streets in open carts, executed, beaten, shamed, ridiculed, socially ostracized, humiliated, branded as sinners by Biblical edicts, and condemned by their parents, wives and children to a lonely and isolated existence. There is little hope that the transvestite will ever be permitted to come out of the closet and walk in the light of day as a free man who is completely understood by society and accepted as a normal human being by his friends and family.

This article is not about a handful of freaky individuals who slink around in the seamier sections of our largest cities. According to one estimate, there are over one million American males involved in transvestic activity, and the majority of them have wives and children. In Great Britain it is estimated that from 1 to 3 percent of the male population are transvestites.

Transvestism is a complex mixture of both pleasure and pain. The sensual pleasure derived from dressing up is very real. If this were not so, the trouble and expense of cross-dressing would not be worth the effort. The pain is also real. Transvestites who are single and live alone will endure great misery and isolation. The married transvestite constantly worried about discovery and finds it necessary to leave home periodically and check into a motel to indulge in his secret obsession. The young transvestite who does not understand his condition often fears that he is a homosexual and experiences enormous guilt over his mysterious but inescapable situation. Many are driven to alcohol, hard drugs or severe depression because they cannot escape from the compulsiveness of their urge to cross-dress.

The Male Transvestite

There are many variations of the act of wearing the clothes of the opposite sex, but the most common transvestite experience is for an adult male to dress in women's clothes and then to masturbate. Intense pleasure is obtained not only from the process of dressing up and applying make-up, but also from the feel of female garments that are sheer and smooth. Additional pleasure occurs as the transvestite looks in the mirror and admires the illusion of femininity that he has created.

For those transvestites who can remain dressed for periods of time that extend much longer than would be required for a masturbatory experience, there is also the thrill of experiencing the emotions and inner feelings of a female. Most clinical

definitions of transvestic activity fail to mention these subtle feelings of femininity and femaleness that are experienced by the male while he is dressed in completely feminine clothes. These deep feelings of femininity, womanliness, and girlishness usually occur after the transvestite has remained in female clothes for hours at a time or even for several days. There must be time for the female attire to 'sink in' and engulf the mind and emotions as well as the nerve endings of the body.

What often happens to young transvestites is that they masturbate very quickly as soon as their bodies come into contact with female lingerie, and perhaps because of guilt, they tend to rip off the female clothes very quickly and never wear such clothing long enough for intense female feeling to pervade their minds and emotions. For this reason it may be true that only the older, more experienced transvestites ever experience intense female feelings and emotions, which can be as pleasurable as masturbatory experience associated with 'dressing up.'

The male transvestite who dresses in order to have a masturbatory experience or to have the joy of female feelings is in most cases heterosexual and the great majority are married and have children. In most cases the wives are unaware that their husbands engage in transvestic activity, but after years of marriage it is not uncommon for a wife to discover her husband's unusual desire for female clothing.

Some wives become suspicious when husbands insist that their wives wear frilly dresses and sexy lingerie, especially when husbands insist on such clothes during the process of sexual intercourse. Under these circumstances the transvestite's obsession with female garments may eventually begin to appear as abnormal to the perceptive wife. If she does not discover her husband's obsession by her own intuition or observation, she may actually catch her husband in the act of wearing female clothes. An obsession of this type is difficult to conceal throughout a lifetime of heterosexual marriage.

The important point to bear in mind is that most transvestites are not homosexuals, although it is very difficult for a wife who discovers transvestic activity in her husband's life to believe that he is truly heterosexual and completely normal in every aspect of his life except for his desire to wear female clothing.

Transvestism and Transsexualism

A careful distinction between transvestism and transsexualism is necessary in order to avoid additional confusion. The transsexual passes through a transvestic stage where he actually lives and dresses as a woman for a period of months or years in order to convince the doctors at a gender reassignment clinic that he is a good candidate for sex-change surgery. For the true transsexual, dressing as a woman is a step toward the goal of becoming a woman rather than a specific act of pleasure.

The transvestite, on the other hand, receives sexual stimulation from the act of dressing up and does not want to become a woman on a permanent basis.

It is true that transvestites often fantasize about how it would be to become a woman. Many have fantasized the entire process of going through a long period of training in the ways of a woman and have imagined themselves giving oral pleasure to other males while dressed as a woman or having sexual intercourse with a male following a sex-change operation. Such fantasies appear to suggest that they are either latent homosexuals or possible candidates for transsexual surgery, but it would be a mistake to make either a homosexual or a transsexual diagnosis in the case of transvestites who have such fantasies.

Errors in diagnosis can occur when there is a failure to realize two important

facts: (1) the fantasy life of the transvestite is rich and highly creative, and (2) when the transvestite is dressed up in feminine lingerie and other female attire his body is charged with a diffuse but very powerful sexual excitement. During this brief period of intense stimulation the transvestite is so sexually aroused that he could, in some instances, be persuaded to participate in almost any type of sex act with almost any type of partner.

For example, while he is "under the influence" of female garments, he could be aroused to the point of engaging in a homosexual act or to the point of briefly wishing that he could become a woman, but such behavior does not mean that he is a homosexual or that he should consider becoming a transsexual. The same transvestite who would participate in a homosexual act while dressed as a woman would, in many instances, be completely turned off by a homosexual proposition that would occur after he had put on his male clothes and resumed his male roles.

In sum, the homosexual is attracted to members of the same sex, the transsexual wants to be a woman in every respect, but the true transvestite, although he may experience an occasional homosexual act or have a transsexual fantasy, never forgets that he is a man in women's clothes and he almost always returns to a heterosexual lifestyle after each episode of transvestic pleasuring.

New Light on the Causes of Transvestism

Traditional research into gender role behavior has resulted in a dichotomy between biological explanations and social learning theory. More recently, there has been a trend toward explanations that combine biological predispositioning with social and cultural learning. Dr. John Money, who heads the Psychohormonal Research Unit at Johns Hopkins, rejects the idea of a strict nature/nurture dichotomy and contends that a gender problem as serious as transsexualism is the product of both biology and psychology.

Money's views on the etiology of transsexualism are relevant to any discussion of the causes of transvestism. He contends that if an inborn predisposition to gender dysphoria is severe, nothing will prevent the child from becoming a transsexual. At conception, an embryo develops in an undifferentiated manner until the sixth week of pregnancy. Then the male chromosome (Y) signals the gonads to become testicles, which thereafter regulate the hormone formula to develop the male genital tract. If this critical push from the male chromosome does not occur, the fetus will develop as a female.

Dr. Money and Patricia Tucker contend that when this male chromosome push is weak, the female pattern establishes itself. In the case of transsexuals, the hormones do some pushing in the male direction (enough to produce a male body) but not enough to establish a clear-cut gender identity. This suggests the possibility that many transvestites (who do not progress to the pre-transsexual stage) are also the result of a less than normal chromosome push in the male direction, but the transvestite push may be a little stronger than the transsexual push and therefore the transvestite may not feel compelled to go as far as having a sex-change operation.

In this view, the transvestite is more on the male side of the fence than the transsexual and can therefore maintain a heterosexual existence, marry, make love to females and father children without9 ever proceeding toward a transsexual conversion. The point being made here is that transvestic behavior will tend to occur in males who had a weak chromosome push toward maleness.

Interviews with a number of transvestites have convince me that some inner biological influence predispositioned them for the learning and conditioning that occurred and eventually resulted in their transvestism. The presence of the

following characteristics in their behavior gives me strong reason to believe in the influence of biological predispositioning: (1) when they look at their fingernails they have a natural tendency to extend their fingers in a female manner rather than curl them in as if making a fist the way most males do when they examine their fingernails; (2) from time to time they will cradle books in their arms the way most girls do rather than carry them at their side with arm extended; (3) they often touch other people on the arm or shoulder when they greet them and later realized that most men greet with a firm handshake minus the touching; (4) as children they were afraid of fist fights; (5) many of their daydreams have centered on the question of what it would be like to be a girl or to wear women's clothes; and (6) they often discover themselves sitting or reclining with feet and legs tucked under their bodies in a female manner or on other occasions they suddenly realize that their fingers are lightly touching the hair behind their ears in a girlish way. The aforementioned characteristics have been a part of them as long as they can remember, and it appears that a measure of biologically related feminization occurred at some point after they were conceived.

Is it possible, on the other hand, that a male with a normal hormone balance could become a transvestite? I believe that any male could become a transvestite if he experiences the correct type and amount of conditioning. For example, an individual who is perfectly normal in every respect could dress as a woman because he agrees to participate in a mock wedding and then accidentally discovers that the feel of nylons, slip, panties and a silky dress are charging his nerve endings with sexual excitement.

After the mock wedding is over and he has removed the female lingerie, he masturbates because his body was stimulated by the feel of nylon on most of his skin. In such instances, the seemingly harmless participation in the mock wedding turns out to be a conditioning trigger that produces sexual stimulation that would not otherwise have been produced.

What we must remember is that the male sex drive has always been vulnerable to the process of conditioning, and it is important to realize how highly charged with sexual excitement the male body may become when it touches female lingerie and sheer nylon.

In fact, if it were possible to select 10 'macho' males at random and force them to have their bodies shaved by domineering and sexy females and then use force to make them submit to being dressed completely as women (with the domineering women actually pulling the nylons over their legs and fastening the bras and garter belts), I contend that some of these 'macho' individuals would be so sexually excited by such an experience that they would want to repeat the dressing-up process (even though some would not consciously admit their excitement or their hidden desire to repeat the pleasure of dressing-up experience.)

In the final analysis, a transvestite virtually worships femininity, and perhaps the only way he can enjoy feminine pleasure to the fullest extent is to create the illusion of it, to feel female garments on his own body, and to act it out in his behavior. When he expresses such behavior he is not purposely harming anyone, and he may have been a victim of a conditioning process that he had no control over. It is time for doctors, therapists, ministers and other professionals to begin helping the wives and children of transvestites to understand the complex problems and suffering involved in transvestism, and to assist transvestites in finding acceptance in an unforgiving society.

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ADVANCING THE PARACULTURE IN ACADEMIA
or
HOW TO BE A WALKING, TALKING VISUAL AID

by
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During the course of developing the Butterfly Group I ran up against a very interesting mix of opinions about cross-dressing and the paraculture in general. It seems that people have a view of what we are and what we are not. Unfortunately their view of what we are is usually what we are not. For instance, when a cross-dresser tells a spouse or close friend about his dual lifestyle, the first thought is that he is gay, or transsexual. In most cases the heterosexual cross-dresser spends a great deal of his time convincing his loved ones and/or the world that men who wear skirts are not necessarily gay or transsexual.

With that in mind I decided that maybe what was needed was further education in the society at large. Two ways of educating people are by entertaining them and by teaching them formally in a classroom environment. The entertainment method uses vehicles such as 'All In The Family', 'Star Trek', and many many others. Using the dramatic style you can make people identify with other people and situations. As yet, there are no television shows that portray the real beauty, fun and heartbreak of our special art, 'cross-dressing'. There has yet to be a Monday night movie about a Tri-Ess or GGA chapter in suburbia and the various lives it affects. Since programming control of a major television network was out of my realm of influence, I decided that maybe I could make my dent on the world in local classrooms.

To educate on the subject of cross-dressing required a lot of thought. First, what type of student

Cheryl Ann Costa

did I wish to teach? Grade school and high school would have been ideal (influence them before they develop misconceptions about us), but I doubt the School Boards would have allowed it. The logical choice was the regional community colleges and university.

With the general student body identified, the first personal consideration had to be dealt with. "ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS????" I asked myself. "YES!!!!" I told myself, reserving the right to back out at any

time. The next problem was, what kind of class should I educate? Until now I hadn't given it much thought as to who would be interested in the 'paraculture'. So, I called the psych department. What the heck, everybody and his sister says we need to see a shrink, so why not? Also, since TVs are as sociable a bunch as you would want to meet, I called the sociology department. Finally, since there are folks who offer courses in hang gliding and UFO watching, I called the general studies department. Maybe they would let me teach a course in "Closet Busting, 101."

The experience of calling a large university department with a veteran or should I say a hardened receptionist handling the phone and trying to find a suitable professor is something I wouldn't wish on my worst enemy. After identifying myself as a representative of my group and specifying what I'd like to offer, mainly my time and trouble to help make the world a better place for all God's children, she'd ask me one of three things: 1) Justify my right to exist; 2) not to call back because she's privy to all the professor's projects and interests and I was not one of them; 3) get really interested in the whole subject matter, have a super conversation with me, support transgenderists world wide, then refer me to (2).

After failing on the telephone, it dawned on me that someone calling me up and talking about something I viewed as kinky or downright weird would most likely get the same reaction from me, so I tried a new approach - personal contact.

My mother always told me that my personal and friendly manner would get me a fine job as a diplomat. I don't work for the government but I have started a few wars in my corporation. So much for diplomacy.

One of the things I learned about university professors was that if you can find them in their offices during non-appointment hours, they are more likely to be open to discussion of controversial subjects, or just grateful for the company! (I strongly recommend that any group representative that decides to go and talk to anyone who could possibly put them in front of an audience, should be fast on their feet, or rather, their mouth, and be prepared to sell ice water to polar bears. Let's face it, our subject matter can be a hot potato in the wrong company.)

My first stop was the Sociology Dept. After locating the department offices in the maze of the library tower, I walked around quietly, observing what offices were open and those that were not. Finding an office that had one professor and no students, I made my move. I knocked on the door and walked in. I introduced myself (first name only) as a representative of a local support group for transgendered persons and stated that our group was interested in providing guest speakers to talk about transgenderism. She smiled and said, "Where were you three weeks ago when I needed you?" This reaction caught me off guard because the receptionist I talked to four weeks earlier said no one was interested. After a couple of cups of coffee and my sales pitch, she made her recommendations. By the way, my sale packet included several past issues of 'Tapestry', a Tri-Ess brochure, a couple of Dr. Peo's articles and all of the press articles to date about the Butterfly Group. Last but not least, high quality snap shots and portrait pictures of some of our members. She was impressed and stated that she would like to use us in the Fall semester in one of her classes. She then gave me the names of two other professors, and a set of new subject matters to pursue: Women's Studies, and Anthropology.

The Woman's Studies department turned out to be a bunch of hardened feminists. These women were at first offended by me but willing to listen. I pointed out that what we did was not a slam against them, but a form of emulation, of flattery, and that a lot of us were very sensitive to their issues, considering that we see both sides. One of their biggest concerns was why we go to so much trouble to dress and wear makeup. God knows they didn't. (That is an understatement.) I simply explained that we needed the

female trappings to trigger our female personae, and to 'pass' more easily. The bottom line is that we are going to be invited back in the Fall semester to speak in their classes too.

Anthropology - that was a twist for me. I really hadn't thought of this subject matter as a vehicle for talking about the paraculture. After locating the professor previously recommended, I gave her my pitch, which by this time was getting very polished. Her first comment was, "I'm having trouble explaining the difference between Gender and Sex to my students. You would be a great speaker." At that point she stated that she would like to talk to her class and have them invite me to speak. This invitation would stop any problems of someone being offended, and complaining to the university administration.

That evening she called me and extended the invitation of her class to come and speak,"adoptive attire of course". The second personal consideration: "ARE YOU REALLY SURE YOU WANT TO WALK ACROSS A BUSY CAMPUS AND ADDRESS A CLASS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS?" Sure, why not.

The next two weeks flew by rather quickly. I spent my presentation prep time with a female friend of mine, who drilled me with common questions. This helped me formulate well thought out answers and support story examples that bait their curiosity. We decided that I should start with a short five minute definition and introduction period and then open things up to class questions. We figured why force feed them. Let them think they thought of it.

Something has to be said for the cross-dresser's ritual, unexpected company, and the general laws of Murphy. Several days before my talk I asked my female coach to drive me over to the university, just to preclude any chance I might get up-tight in traffic. A smart public speaker knows how to reduce stress prior to any presentation. One rule is to not put yourself in to situations that can unnerve you. The day of the lecture my female friend's employer called her in to work early, so she wouldn't be able to drive me over to the university. "No big deal," I thought, "I can handle that." Next my twenty-one year old brother-in-law decided to come and help my wife and me pack up to move to a new house. My dear spouse is 'Cheryl's' best friend and confident, but she was busy closing a big real estate deal and really didn't need to know what I was going to do until after the fact. So, with her not knowing, she didn't run her usual interference pattern for me. Thus, I had one guest that didn't need to meet Cheryl. PLAN B - go to female friend's house and dress. Dressing at my friend's house is no big deal, but gathering up everything and sneaking it down to my truck was. I had almost forgotten what it was like to carry an outfit under a trench coat to hide it. Let's face it, packing up foundations and cosmetics in a gym bag is not fun either. Getting dressed was the least of my worries, except for my friend's cat who ran off with a 35 mm film case containing my fake nails.

I really didn't have a tough time passing, and didn't have any trouble finding my way across the busy university campus. I found my way back to the professor's office without attracting too much attention. Actually, I did. the way I was dressed was reminiscent of a corporate secretary, very passable outside IBM, GE, and ATT. On a university campus I stuck out a little (a lot). The good professor, a lady in her thirties, offered me a cup of coffee and proceeded to tell me about the class. "It's a class of 45 women and 1 man," she said, "and cross-referenced with WOMEN'S STUDIES!" That unnerved me a little. I asked her if the class had many hard line feminists. "Most of them!" It's good that I wear high quality foundation makeup, because the color had to have drained from my face. Murphy's Law was in full force. I couldn't back out, the class was to start in 10 minutes. Then I remembered Murphy's RIGHT STUFF principle, which says, "If you don't have a choice, go for it. Maybe you'll get lucky."

I walked into the classroom behind the professor. She greeted the students and introduced me. I introduced some important points and opened up the talk to questions. The questions were

as you might expect from a group of young women who had never been exposed to a transgender before. Why do you do it? How long? what about your family? Who does your makeup and nails? What do you use for padding? Why don't you go all the way and get a change? This last question I'm told put the class in the palm of my hand. I told them that from my position I could see both sides of the male-female lifestyle, and quite frankly I didn't like living with the double standard. What we are talking about here is not women's rights, men's rights, or cross-dresser's rights, but HUMAN RIGHTS. When we are all really free I will not have to worry about if I dress as a man or woman, but as I like without scorn or ridicule. There was some applause and two young ladies stood and clapped.

After the lecture I went back to my friend's house and talked for a while as I took myself apart. I can only compare the rush I felt to that of winning a trophy at a Joyce Dewhurst Weekend.

EPILOGUE: The professor called me a couple of days later and asked me if I would mind consulting with several of the girls. They wanted to do their term papers about cross-dressing. I developed a fond friendship with these girls while helping them research their papers. The day before they left for the summer, they asked mo over to get a copy of the combined papers, which got them "A's". We chatted for several hours, and although I was in male attire, they treated me as just one of the girls.

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Psychology

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PSYCHOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGICALLY SPEAKING
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QUESTION: What is the best evidence in favor of a biological explanation of cross-dressing?

ANSWER: There is growing evidence that the fetal brains of men and women may not develop in exactly the same way. For example, excellent evidence now exists to support the claim that male children (and other male primates as well) engage in much more aggressive play than do females. This seems biologically determined. If there are sex related brain differences, it could be argued that some kind of hormonal or other chemical determinant "biased" the brain of the future TV. For example, he might be generally an unremarkable male, yet vulnerable to certain uniquely feminine feelings or motives. It is not possible to prove that this possibility is in error, and while most gender researchers lean toward other explanations of transvestism, a strong hypothetical case can be made for the biological position.

QUESTION: Are transvestites more intelligent than other people?

ANSWER: The ones who belong to the more or less "organized" TV community and who have therefore made themselves available for research activities are definitely far brighter, more successful, earn more money, and have higher socioeconomic status than the general population of like-aged males. But this does not prove anything beyond describing the sample of TVs available for study. As I review the occupations and educational background of men participating in the National Gender Project I am almost amazed. They are very high achievers. Of 130, only one was unemployed. Some are retired.

QUESTION: Why can't TVs "kick" the habit if they really want to quit?

ANSWER: Many do -- at least for awhile. But even then they are usually

quite involved in substitutive activity which is only a step away from actual cross-dressing. Those who believe in the concept of "sexual addiction" have attempted to use the model of Alcoholics Anonymous to alter various sexual behaviors. Rather than electric shock, their procedures are very similar to the A.A. program. One big difference between TV and the so-called "sexual addictions" is that TV behavior is almost never perceived by the TV as actually harmful other than in family relationships. Many other sexual "disorders" involve harm to others and are therefore illegal.

QUESTION: Why don't TVs gain anything from counseling or psychotherapy?

ANSWER: I think most of those who enter such a relationship with the usual goals of gaining greater self understanding and of becoming a more effective adult do get something worthwhile out of the experience. Too often the issue of whether TVs gain from psychotherapy has been hopelessly confounded with: A) being forced into this activity by an angry wife; B) looking for a quick and painless "cure" for a long standing "problem"; C) expecting a magical solution to a deeply troubled marriage.

QUESTION: Do most TVs tend to cross-dress more or less frequently as the years pass?

ANSWER: Much more frequently -- as soon as the opportunity is presented. But this is not invariably the case. There is a wide range of frequency across TVs in all age groups.

QUESTION: Do any TVs "regress" to an earlier stage of cross-dressing as they grow older -- such as giving up complete cross-dressing for some strongly preferred fetishistic activity?

ANSWER: It would not seem likely. for a few there is a "progression" into transgenderism and then transsexualism -- probably less than five percent of TV club members actually receive sex reassignment surgery, and the figure maybe much lower than this. Most just try to develop their TV skills and gradually become more bold in public situations.

QUESTION: Is it true that transvestism has not been extensively studied?

ANSWER: Not entirely. There is a vast descriptive literature concerned with transvestism and many plausible theories have been advanced to account for different aspects of this behavior. What is lacking now is an integration and synthesis of this information -- and that is what I am attempting to provide in book form.

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PSYCHOLOGY

ROGER'S NOTEBOOK

by

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When I talk to cross-dressers, one topic seems to keep occurring and that is, "Why do I have this need to cross-dress?" Many studies have been done to try to find out why many males (and fewer females) have a strong need to be the other sex. There are many theories that try to explain this human phenomenon. From a biological point of view, there are the genetic theories -- that is, there are some genetic 'defects' that 'cause' a person to strongly identify with the other sex. No genetic study has ever come up with solid proof that this is the case. Similarly, there are the hormonal 'imbalance' theories which speculate that there is something 'out of balance' in the person's hormone system. Now the latter theory has been extended to include 'overdoses' of the other sex hormone during pregnancy so that the person's brain is somehow

changed so it is partly (or wholly) like the other sex's brain. This is then the cause of the transgender behavior. It is known that the human male and female brains are physically different but how this determines a person's behavior or feelings is not clear.

There are also sociological theories which include the psychological aspects of human development. These theories attempt to explain cross-dressing, transsexualism and homosexuality in terms of the social forces that work on all human beings. Mostly these theories look at early development and the 'type' of parents the person had. Supposedly, the early family environment will determine gender identity and sexual partner choice. Again, these theories and the studies used to 'prove' them have been inconclusive.

In sum, while there have been many attempts to understand why there are cross-dressers, transsexuals and homosexuals, there is not any absolute understanding of why these behaviors and needs should be a part of the human condition. I view this as a very positive situation. Why should this be a positive situation? wouldn't it be better if we somehow knew what caused these conditions and then we could cure them? I personally do not think that knowing the cause would either help people who are in these situations today nor would this knowledge necessarily help those yet unborn.

First, For those who are in these situations today, there is most likely little that can be done to reverse effects that took place in the womb or while they were growing up. What has happened in the past can only be accepted and lived with. For the unborn -- who makes the decision to change their environment and who is to decide what is 'normal' or acceptable behavior? If we somehow learn how to make homogeneous human beings who all think and act alike according to some standard set by a ?ig Sister/Brother I think the human condition will be the worse for it -- it is diversity and adversity that helps make us human.

So what do we do? We move on, understanding our strengths and learning to use these to the best of our ability. There is help for each of us. The Tri- Ess organization is one of those that provides such support. You are fortunate to be associated with it.....

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In the classical psychological literature, transvestism or cross-dressing is categorized as fetishistic behavior. Translated this means that wearing women's clothing (or some articles of women's clothing) by a male often results in erotic arousal for the wearer. In fact, this sexual arousal is one of the ways that transsexual is not usually erotically aroused by cross-dressing. Obvious, you say -- why are you telling me, a cross-dresser, this information? Why??? Because in many of my conversations with cross-dressers, they seem to deny this aspect of their cross-dressing, while using terms such as 'feeling good' 'more relaxed', and 'the clothes feel good'. To me, such statements imply sexual or sensual arousal, yet there is often vehement denial of any sexual arousal connected with the wearing of women's clothes.

One of the things that came out loud and clear from the women in my study was the erotic arousal that their partners experienced when cross-dressed. About 70% of the men were reported as being highly or moderately excited when cross-dressed and 42% were reported as being more excited for sexual relations when they were cross-dressed than they were if not cross-dressed. When I add to this that 75% of the males sometimes or always cross-dressed for sexual relations, I am

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hard-pressed to deny the erotic component in cross-dressing.

OK, OK, I hear you saying, SO WHAT? The concern I have is that somehow feeling good while cross-dressed is seen somehow as bad! I find this a sad situation. I suspect that this attitude is, at least in part, a function of our social upbringing and custom. Many cross-dressers were originally 'hooked' because trying on women's or girl's clothes felt good. This good feeling may have led to an erection and perhaps orgasm. The came guilt. However, guilt was not as strong as the good feelings and so the cycle repeated itself over and over. Somewhere later in time, many of you who are reading this were able to break the cycle and stop feeling guilty about cross-dressing. This did not stop the feeling good part of it, but it may have led you to deny that at least a part of the feeling good is sexual.

The whole point of this column is to provide you with a different perspective on your cross-dressing, namely that it is OK to feel sexually good while you are cross-dressed. There are too few things we have in this life that make us feel good -- to deny the few that do is sad.....

(Send your questions and comments to: Dr. Roger E. Peo, P.O. Box 4887, Poughkeepsie, NY 12602. All correspondence is strictly confidential.)

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HARRIET LANE'S TV SET (CT)

New Phone number: (203) 237-1968

TIFFANY CLUB ACHIEVES
TAX EXEMPT STATUS

After a long and costly struggle, Tiffany has finally achieved tax exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to Tiffany. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, are deductible.

The ramifications of this event are being studied. These ramifications include grants, networking, fund raising, etc. If you are an organization or service compatible with Tiffany's objectives, and would like to know more, contact: Merissa S. Lynn, c/o Tiffany Club, P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778, (617) 358-5575.

(** It must be clearly understood that the Tiffany Club is a service and educational organization catering to the needs of the entire TV-TS Community. That means Tiffany is interested in and willing to work cooperatively with and on behalf of others.)

INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER -- A NEW RESOURCE IN THE NORTHWEST

The Ingersoll Gender Center exists to provide experienced, professional counseling and support for transsexuals and transvestites, their families, and significant others to help them deal with the issues of daily living, changes in life style, preparation for surgery when appropriate, and post-operative counseling and support when necessary. The Center subscribes to the Standards of Care established by the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association.

The Ingersoll Gender center is also an advocate agency for the rights of the clients it serves and works with existing service providers and facilities and to receive referrals.

This Center does not subscribe to any one particular theory of the origin of dysphoria, and welcomes individuals with diverse gender identity issues and from any socio-economic background. Because gender change potentially involves radical surgery, the Center believes that an ongoing process of goal formation and evaluation, and interactive individual and group therapy is essential for a person considering such a change. The goal of the program at Ingersoll Gender Center is to enable the individual to have improved intrapersonal and interpersonal relationships, increased stability in employment, and self-confidence in social situations so that the person can more clearly define his/her gender role.

Marsha Botzer -- Executive Director
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SAMC NOTICE

Believing they had ceased operations, we omitted the the San Antonio Motorcycle Club (SAMC), an organization emphasizing Bondage and Discipline, from the 'Coming Events' and 'Reference' sections. The word that they were still in operation came to us too late to make the appropriate corrections.

For those who may be interested, contact: Jaquiline Allen, c/o SAMC, Box 169672, San Antonio, Texas 78280-3272

TAPESTRY / TIFFANY

To clarify widespread confusion, a subscription to the Tapestry is NOT the same as a Tiffany Club membership!!!

The Tapestry is not published for the Tiffany Club. Rather, it is published by the Tiffany Club to serve the entire TV/TS Community, and those persons serving or affected by that Community. Tiffany membership is a separate matter.

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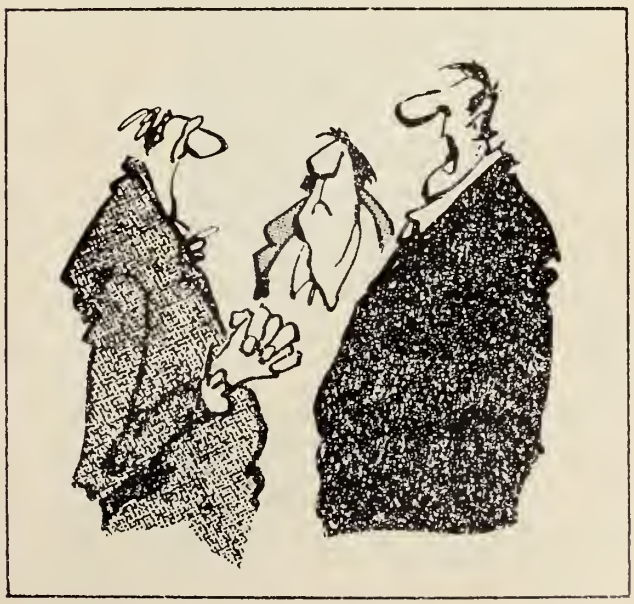

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NEW ORGANIZATIONS:

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The Transsexual Social Association
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Weybosset Hill Station
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 521-7597

Cincinnati, Ohio: (Social TV/TS)
CROSS-PORT
Attn: Heather
2020 "B" Beechmont Ave
P.O. Box 150
Cincinnati, OH 45230

Minneapolis / St Paul, MN: (Social)
City of Lakes Cross-Dressers Club
3917 France Ave. So.
Minneapolis, MN

San Antonio, TX: (Social TV/TS)
Boulton & Park Cultural Society
c/o Ms Mary Francis Williams
P.O. Box 169652
San Antonio, TX 78280-3252

Los Angeles, CA: (Social TV/TS)
Greater LA GGA
c/o Lydia
13837 Ventura Blvd., Suite 2
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
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San Jose, CA: (Female-to-Male TS)
Meetings: Wednesdays from 7-9 pm
The Billy DeFrank Community Center
86 Keyes St.,
San Jose, CA
(408) 293-4525, Hal (408) 293-2429

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For additional information:
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VIRGINIA PRINCE'S STUDY

Virginia Prince is conducting a follow-up study of her important study in the '60's. To date she has received over 400 replies, but needs another 100 to make a fair comparison to her original study.

If you have received a questionnaire but have not yet returned it, please do so.

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TWO NEW BOOKS ON TSism

GENDER DYSPHORIA: Development, Research, Management, edited by Betty W., Steiner (Clarke Institute of Psychiatry and University of Toronto), 1985; Plenum Press, 233 Spring St., New York, NY 10013 ($49.50); University of Toronto (Medical) Bookstore, 214 College St., Toronto, Ontario M5T 3A1 ($39.85)

THE UNINVITED DILEMMA: A Question Of Gender, by Kim Elizabeth Stuart, c. 1983, published May 1985 by Metamorphous Press, P.O. Box 1712, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034 (Cloth: $18.00, Paper: $10.00).

LEGAL NOTES:

Although transsexuals have failed to find protection against employment discrimination under the Civil Rights act of 1964, a new avenue has opened up for them: the Federal Rehabilitation Act. In Doe v. United States Postal Service, No. 84-3296, 37 Fair Emp. Prac. Dec. (BNA) 1867 (U.S.D.C., D.C. 6/12/85), Judge John H. Pratt holds that a medical or psychological need for a sex change operation could constitute a "Physical or mental impairment" within the meaning of the law, and thus subject employers within the law's jurisdiction to its ban against discrimination.

In Yancey v. State Personnel Board, No. A026713, Daily Lab.Rep. No. 107, at A-2,3 (Cal.Ct.App., 1st Dist., 4/29/85), an appeals court has overturned the discharge of a prison guard who was apprehended while off-duty wearing women's undergarments. The court held that off-duty transvestism was not relevant to the guard's job qualifications, quoting an earlier court ruling to the effect that "the notion that a correctional officer may be dismissed on the sole basis that his lifestyle (sexual preference) is offensive to his fellow officers has no basis in law."

For additional information:
David Lund, Atty
483 Beacon St., Suite 11
Boston, MA 02115
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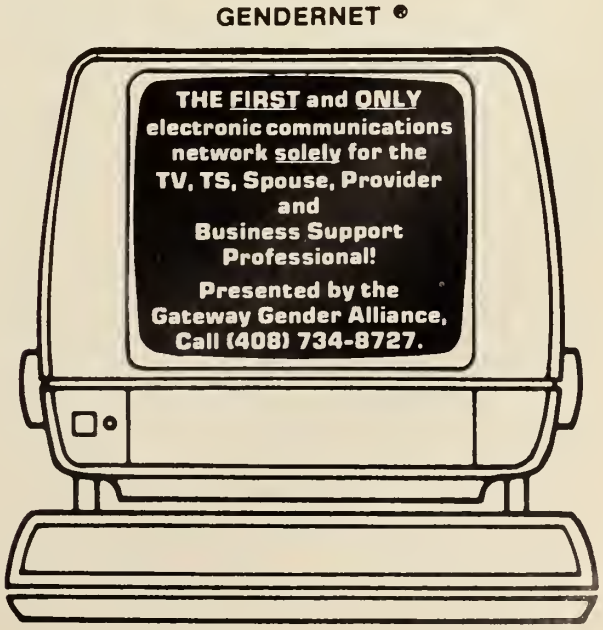
NEW ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBERS
GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE - GENDERNET

The new Office and Hot Line number is (415) 763-6185.

The new number for GenderNet is (415) 763-5173.

Please contact the local switch boards who may have the old numbers and advise them of the new ones. Referral will apply to both old numbers.

The new mailing address is: GGA, 484 Lake Park Avenue, Suite 427, Oakland, CA 94610



News Items

NEWS ITEM - SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

BRIDE FOR 'NUN'
Sister Boom Boom getting Hitched

San Francisco (AP) - Sister Boom boom is getting married.

Jack Fertig, a 30-year-old homosexual social worker who grabbed headlines at the Democratic National convention last summer by dressing in a non's habit, said he and Mystie Gray, a 32-year-old sex therapist from Pittsburgh, will wed.

Gray said her family took the news as well as could be expected. "My father said, 'That's fabulous. I've got a nun for a sun-in-law.' I think they think I'm joking."

As for wedding gifts, the couple says one friend already has promised them leather sheets.

The happy couple was checking astrology charts for the perfect date to wed.

"We'll have to wait till Jupiter's in Pisces, sometime in 1986," he said.

"This doesn't make me any less gay," Fertig added.

Gray said she did not think of her husband-to-be as a homosexual. "I see him as a man," she said. "It's a match made in heaven. It couldn't be any more perfect."

On the practical side, Fertig said the marriage would allow them to take advantage of such benefits as sharing pensions and insurance.

"It seems too good a chance to pass up," Fertig said.

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NEWS ITEM - BOSTON:

POLISH TRANSVESTITE
NABBED FOR FAKE ID

A Polish transvestite who has at least eight aliases of both genders was ordered held without bail yesterday after government prosecutors charged she acquired passports and credit cards using phony identification.

One of the three charges facing Zbigniew M. Poddubiuk is mail fraud.

Poddubiuk, a Polish citizen who had been living in Ashburnham, was charged in a 12-count indictment alleging she used a birth certificate of a U.S. citizen to obtain four different U.S. passports.

Prosecutors say she also used phony names to obtain several American Express cards, ran up huge credit bills, but never paid American Express.

She is also charged with smuggling through U.S. Customs $12,000 in undeclared jewelry when she returned from a European trip last September.

Besides the name Poddubiuk, the defendant is known as Patricia Louise Mavis Killion, Richard Bergman, Patricia Mavis Bachmann, Patricia Mavis Bergman, Tiffany M. Fontaine, Marlene S. Osborne, and P. Bergman, said first Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert S. Mueller III.

Poddubiuk was arrested by Ashburnham Police on the fourth of July.

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NEWS ITEM - HARTFORD, CT

TRANSSEXUAL LOSES EFFORT
TO COMMAND LEGION POST

Bridgette Poi, whose sex and sex change became the focal point of her bid to be elected commander of american Legion Post No. 9, lost Monday night to incumbent Commander Joseph R. Ottaviano Jr.

The vote was 23-13. John Cable, a third candidate, received 10 votes.

Poi accepted the loss, saying she thought the voting was fair and honest,

but added, "I'll be there at every meeting to put a thorn in their sides."

Ottaviano said, "She did very well. I'm glad it happened this way because it's good for the post."

Asked why he thought only 46 of the post's 320 members voted in the election, Ottaviano said, "I think too many of the members were overconfident that I would win."

During the most celebrated election campaign in the 52-year history of Post No. 9, Ottaviano adamantly opposed Poi's candidacy, claiming that she not only lacked experience for the job, but that her sex - and her sex change - would create image problems for the post.

Poi, 50, was equally steadfast in her assertions that her sex should not be a factor and that Ottaviano, 66, was promoting an "Archie Bunker image."

"If you do not put yourself out for what you believe in, what the hell is the whole sense of living?" Poi said Monday before the election.

A decorated Korean War veteran, Poi said she served as a man named Bobby. she declines to reveal her full former name because she has relatives living in the area. At 38, she underwent a sex change operation at a clinic in Mexico.

Poi was vice commander of the post last year and said she sought Ottaviano's seat in part to encourage the recruitment of Vietnam veterans and Korean War veterans.

Ottaviano said that although he wasn't in combat in the Korean War, "I am a Korean War veteran."

"I was in the service then," he said. "And there are already members who served in Korea, so I don't understand what she is talking about.

"Quite a few legionnaires feel that what she did as a man during the war should not affect her as a woman in the legion," Ottaviano said. "There is a tension that stirs up in this post whenever her name comes up."

Before the election Monday, Ottaviano said, "I would like her to transfer to the auxiliary. She is good at running parties. I don't know if she will ever qualify to be commander of this post."

Poi said the only qualification for commander of American Legion posts is election by the membership. Ottaviano "has created a problem, and I have to deal with it," she said.

Poi's campaign received national and international news media attention, and as a result, a deluge of nearly 300 letters reached her doorstep - including two marriage proposals.

Poi, whose husband died in 1975, wrote back, "It just wasn't in my cards." She told the others she was grateful for their support.

But after the election, Clark Van der Lyke, a member of the post and New London city clerk, said he thought all the publicity had been detrimental to Poi.

"Nobody seemed to make a big deal when she was a member or vice commander. They (the members) are afraid of the outside. When it came out of the closet, it got outside," he said.

Poi had said earlier, "I fought tooth and nail" to be accepted as a good Catholic after the sex change operation. Then she discovered that "it's a struggle for a woman" to be accepted in leadership roles, she said. "For every two steps I've taken, my next counterpart will take four," she said, confident that her efforts are paving the way for others.

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(Edited from the Newsletter, published by the Gender Identity Center, 3715 West 32nd Ave, Denver, CO 80211)

THE CHOICE AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE GENDER IDENTITY CENTER

by Kim

I hope, in this, to review the aims and the attitudes of our Center toward our own population and the world at large. To my own knowledge I believe that our aims are unique from other groups of people interested in dealing with issues of gender. Beyond that we do not sort or label our population. You will be left to find your own label if you feel a need for one. We will not assign one to you. We will not advise you as to how you must behave or think in order to earn your chosen label. Each of us has an independent chemistry and physiology, our own pasts and our own lives. We do not want our group polarized into transvestites and transsexuals; the labels seem unrealistically black and white.

We view cross-gender as a spectrum of human experience. Some of us are mobile within that spectrum, some of us feel no need to be so. Regardless of where you are in this you will find our complete support for your feelings. We will provide you with the resources to go as far as you care to go in exploring your own sense of gender. You will find no one to urge you forward or to dissuade you from further exploration. In this conflict we want you to have those things that you want, and only what you want.

We believe that the primary need for each of us is to view ourselves in a manner that is free of guilt, fear, or alienation.

Our entrance group is the Monday evening rap group. It is here that you will first learn that you are far from alone in your feelings. It is also here that you can put down your burden and begin to view yourself in a more clear and honest light. To see clearly what you want from this, where if anywhere you want to go with it.

We are not here though, to provide a sub-culture. It will never be you and I against the world. We do not need to do all of this merely to build a larger closet or cage for ourselves. Your privacy will always be our foremost concern. We will give you the chance however, outside of the Monday group, to encounter members of the general public in your chosen gender. There will be all sorts of speakers in our other groups with whom you are invited to interact. You will be encouraged to participate, not just observe. You may gain through this, the knowledge that other people are not necessarily judgmental about your feelings. Again this exists if you want it; it is there if you feel a need for it.

Our Center also has a public stance. You will see us in your newspapers, in articles and ads, you will see us behind podiums. With all of this you will still find that your anonymity is our foremost concern. Our efforts here are to educate the world around us. It is only by these efforts that the day will ever come when this Center will no longer be needed. Things won't 'just change' out there if we remain silent. I even feel that in a larger sense, by the changes and education we are giving the world that they as well as ourselves, will benefit. I think that often our society leads the male to deny any trace of femininity within themselves, and the female to deny her natural masculinity. This is not only contrary to

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biological fact, it is debilitating to the whole person. We can serve to tell the world that masculinity and femininity are not values, not good or bad, not better or worse, but rather they are artifacts of human life, present in all of us.

Aside from all of this, I have told you what we at the Center would like to accomplish. When I say 'we' I am not speaking of the director, or the board of directors, or the facilitators. All that these people can do is maintain a structure in which these things can happen. By 'we' I mean each of us. Me. You.

As of this writing, the Center is only beginning to teach beyond the Denver area. We have very big plans for our future. There are many in more remote places with no avenues to express their feelings. I, myself, am from such a place. We can help and we will. I mean to say, that we can do very big things here and that you can become directly a part of this effort.

Many of us have held our sense of gender wholly within us. We viewed it in a dim light. It may have seemed childish or selfish since it was never shared. My own experience is that my volunteer work with our population has changed those feelings within me. It is the opportunity to see good from what we once held as bad within us. The more you give from this part of you the more you have for yourself.

In closing I would like to say that your Center offers you a choice. By its existence and your participation you can tell the world and yourself that you acknowledge yourself and will be acknowledged as a decent, honorable human being, worthy of and requiring the respect and dignity to which any human being is entitled. Or, we can crawl back into our closets, accept our self-debasement as something we deserve and leave nothing for anyone that follows us. It all depends on what you want.

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"Next time you come out of the closet, Herb, bring your blue suit; it needs to be cleaned."

THE WAY OF A TRANSSEXUAL: JOANNE'S STORY

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TIFFANY CLUB Information distribution throughout the New England area. Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 617-358-5575

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ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

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TIFFANY CLUB Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 617-358-5575

Nature: The Tiffany Club is a non-profit non-sexual social/educational organization for persons interested in crossdressing, for transsexual persons, and for relatives and friends. Tiffany has an international membership in excess of 600, welcomes all mature and responsible persons, and emphasizes friendship, support, good manners, common sense, and the security and peace-of-mind of all. Tiffany also works cooperatively with and in support of all non-profit organizations and services working on behalf of the TV/TS Community.

Services: The Tiffany Club publishes the TV/TS Tapestry. Tiffany also maintains a private facility near Boston (providing privacy, storage, a library, overnight accommodations, a hostelry for qualified travelers, and residence for persons in transition), and a balanced program of social and educational activities. Tiffany also maintains a support group for transsexuals, a support group for wives, and provides a hotline for information distribution, and referrals.

Security: If a person wishes to use Tiffany's facilities or attend a Tiffany function, that person must have met with and been cleared by a member of Tiffany's Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure that the attendee understands Tiffany's objectives and will comply with Tiffany's security requirements and code of conduct.

THE HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE Box 368 Kenmore Station, Boston MA 02215

Nature: The Outreach Institute is a non-profit corporation whose purposes and objectives are educational. Outreach works predominantly with Helping Professionals from the fields of Education, Guidance & Counseling, Therapy, Medicine, Law & Law Enforcement, Nursing and Human Services.

Services: Outreach's programs include OPERN (Outreach Professional Evaluation and Referral Network). seminars & workshops, a newsletter, Fantasia Fair (a living/learning growth experience for crossdressers, transsexuals and androgynes both male and female), and a book and publication service. (Outreach's catalog of books and reprints is available for $3.00).

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MAYFLOWER SOCIETY: P.O. Box 66, Allston, MA 02134 1-617-321-7899 (Mon. & Thurs. 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.)

Nature: Mayflower is a membership organization open to TVs, friends and relatives. The membership consists of some who are heterosexual, bisexual, some submissive, B&D, etc. Care is taken that broader interests are not imposed on those who do not wish to participate. Supportive environment emphasizing respect for the individual and security for all.

Services: Mayflower maintains an apartment with a library, private male boxes, storage, casual get-togethers once a week, and parties once a month.

TRANSSEXUAL SOCIAL ASSOCIATION: TSA, Box 5753 Weybosset Hill Sta., Providence, RI 02903 1-401-521-7597 , Sherrie McDermott Pres., Donna Page V.P.

Nature: TSA is a non-profit membership organization open to all transsexuals. There is a supportive environment giving all transsexuals a respectful and confidential get-together.

Services: TSA distributes a monthly newsletter 'the TSA Monthly', social activities, educational, material, and group support. TSA also offers peer counselling and works in conjunction with counsellors, psychologists, endocrinologists. TSA also offers other workshops needed in the transitional period of all transsexuals.

Security: A candidate for membership must meet with the president or vice president.

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB Box 6070 Station 'A', Hartford CT 06106 (information: George W. Henry Foundation 203-522-2646)

Nature: The XX Club is a non-profit, non-sexual, social-educational-medical-outreach organization for persons interested in transsexualism. Friends and relatives are also welcomed, as are all those interested or involved with the crossdressing community.

Services: The XX Club has a monthly newsletter, and holds 2 meetings each month (the 2nd and 4th Saturday). The meetings include educational and medical programs, outreach work and information distribution. We also have social get-togethers, club parties, etc.

Security: We place no security precautions on people who wish to subscribe to our newsletter. However, if an individual wishes to attend our meetings, that person must meet and be cleared by a member of our screening committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure that the attendee understands the XX Club's objectives and goals and that the individual will comply with security requirements and code of conduct. We request that all who attend our functions or meetings respect our anonymity.

HARRIET LANE'S TV SET Harriet Lane, Box 4002 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492 203-237-1968

Nature: Harriet Lane's is a social membership and guest club for all persons

interested in crossdressing. TSs, relatives and friends welcome. The TV Set has 65+ active members with over 400 guests per year.

Services: Parties twice a month on 2nd & 4th Sat. - buffet - open bar or BYOB w/setups. Members may store clothes, and visit during the week. A newsletter every three months containing club dates, past parties & referrals of other clubs and coming attractions plus places to purchase femme wear. Overnight accommodations for qualified TVs, TSs and friends. Live-in cosmetologists.

Security: Security precautions are very mild to the point of a phone call to Harriet Lane for screening. No drugs or excessive alcohol will be tolerated - all participants at both parties will conduct themselves as ladies & gentlepersons. Treat all ladies & TV ladies as you would your mother or sister or daughter. With respect!!

ONNECTICUT CHAPTER GGA: Box 744, Branford, CT, 06405 Wendy J. Gwynne, Director

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

ENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND 45 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103

*** The following members of the Society for the Second Self (open to heterosexual crossdressers only) are interested in forming local chapters in the New England area:
New Hampshire: Ann Marie NH 1285 B
Hartford: Alice CT 1545 Z

Write: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

New York

EW YORK CITY CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Fem Fashions, Penthouse B, 157 W 57th St, New York, NY 10019 (212) 582-6823 Muriel Olive, Director

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

ONG ISLAND SOCIAL CLUB contact: Kay & Ursula Kwarta, 50 Sunny Rd, St. James, NY 11780 (516) 584-7736

Nature: Monthly dinner parties in a non-sexual atmosphere. A social gathering for crossdressers, transsexuals, their relatives & friends.

Services: Meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month. Bring your own bottle. A $10 charge includes a hot meal. Limited space available for dressing. Reservations necessary, so enough food for all is available.

Security: A phone call to Kay will usually suffice. No drugs or excessive alcohol will be tolerated. All guests are expected to conduct themselves as ladies & gentlemen.

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE U.S. (SIECUS) SIECUS, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011

SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and Arts Professions of New York University. SIECUS deals with all sexually related issues, including gender expression.

THE BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Nature: The BLI is a non-profit non-sexual social organization for novice and accomplished crossdressers. The emphasis is on novice crossdressers. Most programs are geared for the novice. Accomplished crossdressers serve as our staff at meetings. The BLI is an educational arm of Joyce Dewhurst Parties, but both are separate and distinct.

Services: The BLI provides very informal get-togethers, beauty courses and a variety of social and educational events.

Security: No screening or security requirements. If, however, you do not meet our very liberal standards you will be so advised. This has happened only four times in five years.

JOYCE DEWHURST. 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Nature: Strictly social. Open to anyone interested in the crossdressing scene.

Services: Joyce Dewhurst sponsors frequent parties and debutante balls in NYC, and weekend outings to the Poconos in May and September.

Security: No screening or security requirements.

CONFIDE - PERSONAL COUNSELING SERVICES INC. Box 56,Tappan NY 10983, 914-359-8860 or 914-997-1013, offices in Tappan NY and Hartsdale NY

Nature: Confide runs a therapy group in Tappan, comprising transsexuals, transvestites and persons who are trying to find themselves on the gender spectrum.

Services: Confide is a private service offering counseling, therapy, hypnosis and hypnotherapy, with a large proportion of our practice dealing with gender problems. Private therapy sessions are held with Garrett Oppenheim PhD FIC, the director, while Fae Robin, the co-director, offers coaching in grooming, manners, poise, makeup, shopping, etc. Dr. Oppenheim evaluates candidates for hormone therapy and sex reassignment surgery and makes referrals at the appropriate time.

Security: Membership in the group is contingent on a 1 1/2 hour screening session with Dr. Oppenheim.

TV ENTERTAINERS c/o S. Morrison, Pres., Box 318, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090, 1-518-463-7774 (ask for Wilma)

Nature: Non-sexual group offering friendship and support

ANDROGYNY UNLIMITED: P.O. Box 4887, Poughkeepsie, NY 12602 1-914-462-7455 Roger E. Peo, Ph.D. Dir.

Nature: Androgyny Unlimited is a private service that provides counseling, research, education and supporting services for transgendered persons.

Services: Individual counseling is provided by Roger E. Peo, Ph.D. a board-certified sexologist, primarily for the transvestite/cross-dresser and/or his partner. Counseling is also provided for persons who are trying to determine if they are cross-dressers or transsexuals. Referrals will be made where appropriate. Make-up and

shopping services for clients are also available. Classes, seminars and workshops on transgender issues and human sexuality are provided both for college and graduate level students and for other groups. Ongoing research is conducted on a variety of topics in the transgender field.

Security: Appointments for counseling and allied services can be made by writing to Dr. Peo at the above address or by phone.

THE BUTTERFLY GROUP, Box 7161, Endicott, NY 13760 Cheryl Anne Costa, Director, Shannon Micheals, President, (607) 798-8033

Nature: The Butterfly group is a non-profit, non-sexual social/educational organization for persons interested in cross-dressing, for transsexual persons, and for relatives and friends.

Services: We have social get-togethers, and a small network of professional and para-professionals, social workers, medical practitioners, beauty consultants, and clothing retailers who are interested and very helpful to us.

Security: Butterfly has no major security requirements, but we do require persons desiring to attend our meetings to be screened by our membership chairperson or other appointed member, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure understanding and compliance with our code of conduct.

EON, PO Box 6293, Camillus, NY 13031

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual, social/educational.

New Jersey, Pennsylvania

CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER (TRI ESS) Ms Lynda Frank, Box 9192, Morristown, NJ 07960 (201) 663-0772

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'.

Services: Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either Northern New Jersey or Southern Westchester County NY. Very interested in attracting wives and girl friends. We have over 75 paid members, and have been in existence for over three years.

Security: Private interview with Chapter President or qualified member.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY Ms Lynda Frank, Box 9192, Morristown, NJ 07960 (201) 663-0772

Nature: Open membership, non-sexual

Services: Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in Northern NJ.

Security: Interview required.

NORTHERN N.J. GGA E. Malley, Northern NJ GGA, P.O. Box 9034, Morristown, NJ 07960

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

PHI CHAPTER (GGA), c/o W. Beeman, Box 4128, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Nature: Open membership, non-sexual social organization.

Services: Get-togethers on the 4th Saturday of each month in Cherry Hill, NJ. We are very interested in having wives and girl friends attend our meetings.

Security: Phi places emphasis on security to all. Membership is offered to those by referral of a club officer, a member in good standing, or by contacting the chapter for same.

TRANSPITT, Box 59406, Pittsburgh, PA 15211 Johnnie D. Director

Nature: TransPitt is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy.

Services: Meetings the third Saturday of each odd numbered month. Referrals.

Security: Meeting with Club officer.

*** The following members of the Society for the Second Self (heterosexual cross-dressers only) are interested in forming chapters in the NJ PA area:

Philadelphia PA Melanie PA 1401 0
Pittsburgh PA Marcia PA 1394 F

Write: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

Mid Atlantic, Southeast

JANUS/DC: c/o Gene Baker, Advisor, 5715 16th St., NW Washington, DC 20011

Nature: Transsexual support

ACADEMY AWARDS c/o B.A. Lind, Box 11254 Lincolnia Station, Alexandria, VA 22312

Nature: Theatrical drag, with an emphasis on the performing arts.

DELTA CHI CHAPTER: Box 11254 Lincolnia Sta., Alexandria, VA 22312

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

ADELPHI CHAPTER, GGA: R. Lewis, P.O. Box 7644, Silver Spring, MD 20907

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

MY CHOICE: K. Stevens, c/o s. Machin, P.O. Box 11254, Alexandria, VA 22312

Nature: Transsexual support

THE MONTGOMERY FOUNDATION, INC.: Gender Dysphoric Association, PO Box 33311, Decatur, GA 30033

Nature: Strictly a support group for male and female pre- and post-op transsexuals. No fees.

Services: Referrals, rap sessions, and programs designed for the needs of the transsexual.

THE ELITE TV CO.: c/o Gigi Grant, P.O. Box 47686, Atlanta, GA 30362

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: P.O. Box 16314, Atlanta, GA 30321

Nature: A newsletter written by and about transsexuals. $2.00 per copy, $12.00 per year.

SERENITY: c/o Nikki Bee, PO Box 307, Hollywood, FL 33022

*** The following members of the Society for the Second Self (heterosexual cross-dressers only) are interested in forming chapters in the Mid-Atlantic Southeast region:

Washington VA Jean VA 1472 D
Newport NC Diane NC 1596 M

Orlando FL Fritzie FL 1594 C; Stella FL 1701 L
Miami FL Nancy FL 1135 N
Mobil AL Donah AL 1577 H
Write: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

Midwest, Southcentral

PARADISE CLUB Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129 Pres. Lindsay Maxwell, V.P. Ann Marie

Nature: Paradise is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an emphasis on friendship and support (especially for wives). Paradise has approximately 90 members with an average of 50+ in attendance at each meeting.

Services: Paradise publishes a newsletter (Paradise Tales), and every other month sponsors a meeting with a catered dinner, and usually a special function such as a speaker, make-up advice, a show, etc. Paradise also sponsors informal socials during the months between regular meetings.

Security: Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people, and places an emphasis on good manners, common sense, and the security of all. Membership is offered only after a personal interview with an officer. Non-members may attend meetings, with concurrence of officer. Open membership, but all members must be crossdressers, and must dress at meetings.

GENESIS, PO Box 954, Elyria, OH 44036

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'

CROSS-PORT: (Attn: Heather), 2020 "B" Beechmont Ave, P.O. Box 150, Cincinnati, OH 45230

Nature: CROSS-PORT is a non-profit non-sexual organization for the male-to-female and female-to-male crossdresser and transsexual, and supportive friends, regardless of their sexual preference, practices, or orientation.

Services: CROSS-PORT publishes a monthly newsletter which is distributed to all it's members.

Security: All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies & gentlemen. Common sense is the rule. The mailing and membership lists are confidential. No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone number or profession of another member to anyone, except with the other member's express permission.

CROSSROADS CHAPTER (President) c/o Crossroads Chapter, Box 1135, Pontiac, MI 48056-1135 (Newsletter) Grace Bacon, Box 1298, Flint MI 48501

Nature: Crossroads is a non-profit non-sexual social organization emphasizing friendship and support and the peace of mind of all. Crossroads has a formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250.

Services: Crossroads publishes a newsletter (Crossroads Chatter), and sponsors both formal and casual social activities. Crossroads provides referrals to other organizations nationwide, and helping professionals in the Great Lake area. Crossroads also investigates agencies, businesses and organizations, and does considerable outreach work and publicity for the paraculture.

Security: Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and places an emphasis on good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

WINDY CITY CHAPTER (GGA): P.O. Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690 Sharon Hart, President (312) 472-4518

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

CHI CHAPTER (TRI ESS): c/o Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines, IL 60018

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'

EASTERN IOWA CHAPTER (GGA): Connie Farwell, c/o Box 1205, Bettendorf, IA 52722

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

INDIANA CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Windy City Chapter, Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

WISCONSIN NETWORK The Network, P.O. Box 632, Waukesha, WI 53187 (414) 542-5735 (3-9 p.m.)

Nature: The Network prefers to deal with people from a variety of life-styles (gay and bi- men and women, TVs, TSs, etc.) who are looking for long term relationships or help in developing relationships with others or with the family, friends, or other significant people in one's life.

Services: The Network includes a monthly newsletter, meetings monthly for gay men and women, bisexual men and women, and TVs and TSs. The Network also provides a monthly newsletter, social gatherings for special events, and a dating service.

PROGRAM IN HUMAN SEXUALITY 2630 University Ave, S.E, Minneapolis, MN 55414 Dr. eli Coleman, Dir.

Services: Details not available at this time.

CITY OF LAKES CROSS-DRESSERS CLUB, 3917 France Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55419

Nature: See Gateway Gender Alliance

MINNEAPOLIS CHAPTER TRI-ESS c/o Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'

ST. LOUIS CHAPTER TRI-ESS c/o Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'

TRI DELTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS: Houston, TX, c/o Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'

GALVESTON PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES 6608 Stewary, #321, Galveston, TX 77551-1838 (713) 763-4522 Dr. Collier M. Cole

Services: Full range of psychotherapeutic and medical services are provide, including hormone therapy and surgery. Counseling and/or referrals around legal issues, speech therapy and cosmetic concerns is also available.

*** The following members of the Society for the Second Self (heterosexual cross-dressers) are interested in forming chapters in the Mid-west South-Central area:

Cincinnati OH Cathy OH 1561 R
Indianapolis IN Laura IN 1203 W
Madison WI Mary WI 1490 Z
Kansas City MO 1269 D
Wichita KS Layla KS 1659 J
Dallas/Ft Worth TX Samantha TX 1435 W
Houston TX Oweena TX 1612 S

*** The following members of the Gateway Gender Alliance (Open, Non-Sexual) are interested in forming chapters in the Mid-West and South-Central area:

Dayton, OH Marilyn, (513) 435-6675

Intermountain, Southwest

GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC. 3715 32nd Ave, Denver, CO. 80211 (303) 458-5378

Nature: G.I.C. is a non-profit, tax exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: G.I.C. provides information and education on the issues of cross-dressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community including medical, legal, insurance, personal grooming, male and female appearance and behaviors, etc. G.I.C. also provides a Speaker's Bureau, and a 24 hour Hot-Line.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: 3715 W. 32nd Ave., Box 11563, Denver, CO 80211, 1-202-458-5378, Tomye Kelley, M.A. Psychotherapist

Nature: Private practice limited to work with crossdresser and gender conflicted and their significant others.

GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE Department of Psychiatry, University of Utah, College of Medicine, 50 North Medical Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84132 (801) 581-7951 Dr. Nyla J. Cole, MD

Services: Details not available at this time.

SPECTRUM: P.O. Box 14671, Phoenix, AZ 85063

Nature: Open membership, non-sexual

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER TRI-ESS c/o Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 92375

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'

*** The following member of the Society for the Second Self (heterosexual cross-dressers only) is interested in forming a chapter in the Inter-mountain area:

Pocatello ID Lisa ID 1144 A

Write: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

California

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION TRANSSEXUAL RIGHTS COMMITTEE (ACLU-TRC) ACLU-TRC, 31815 Camino Capistrano, Suite L, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 (714)661-7332

Nature: Founded in May, 1980. Actively working to firmly establish your civil and human rights as a citizen.

RENAISSANCE GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES Box 11341, Santa Ana CA 92711 714-836-1803

Nature: Renaissance is a referral, information, educational and support service for crossdressers, transsexual persons, and other lifestyle groups.

Services: 'Renaissance Update' (a quarterly newsletter), research library, educational services, lecture bureau, professional and peer counseling services, and a hotline and referral service with local and nationwide referrals.

Security: Membership is open to all sincere, interested persons.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER (GGA): c/o W. Thomas, Box 99732, San Diego, CA 92109

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

SAN DIEGO/OCEANSIDE CHAPTER (SHANGRI-LA): c/o Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713

Nature: See 'Shangri-La Club'

CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB (CHIC) CHIC, Box 562, Duarte CA 91010 213-456-6511

Nature: CHIC is for heterosexual transvestites or crossdressers only, wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners.

Services: CHIC sponsors meetings, parties, monthy dinners, and seminars on make-up, wigs, clothes, etc. CHIC publishes a monthly newsletter (CHIC Clippings), and sponsors educational programs for the public.

Security: CHIC meetings are closed - members only and approved guests. All guests must be screened and approved by two Board members as well as the hostess if a home meeting. Prospective members must apply with a written application, be interviewed by two members of the membership committee and then approved by the Board of Directors. CHIC emphasizes strict security for all its members and guests.

NATIONAL GENDER PROJECT Box 126, Northridge, CA 91328 Dr. Richard F. Docter, Dir.

Nature: Research in the TV-TS phenomena

ALPHA CHAPTER (LOS ANGELES, TRI-ESS): c/o Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

Nature: See 'Society For The Second Self'

SCYROS CHAPTER (LOS ANGELES, SHANGRI-LA): c/o Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713

Nature: See 'Shangri-La Club'

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275

Nature: Tri Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers.

Services: Tri Ess provides a correspondence directory, of commercial services, a magazine (The Femme Mirror), and chapters throughout the U.S.

Security: Membership in Tri Ess is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to insure they are heterosexual and will comply with the Tri Ess code of conduct.

SHANGRI-LA CLUB Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713

Nature: Shangri-La is a non-profit social organization for crossdressers. Shangri La places emphasis on friendship and security.

Services: Shangri-La provides a bi-monthly newsletter (Le Femme), membership directory, identification card, free mail forwarding, reduced rate invitation to regional events, a commercial services directory, and a manual on how to form local chapters. Shangri La sponsors two major events, the 5-day Spring Shangri La (Biloxi), and June Shangri La (Southern California). Shangri-La has local chapters throughout the U.S.

Security: Prospective members are interviewed by Nancy Watson or officers of the local chapters.

ERICKSON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION: 8221 W. Sunset Blvd, #73, Hollywood, CA 90046-2484

Nature: EEF is primarily an information resource, and publishes the 'EEF Newsletter'. Additional information is not available at this time.

JANUS INFORMATION FACILITY 1952 Union St., San Francisco, CA 94088

JANUS provides a general basic information package in printed form for the transsexual. A $25.00 donation is requested.

SOCIETY OF JANUS - SACRAMENTO GROUP: c/o Box 6794, San Francisco, CA 94101

Nature: For persons interested in B&D

TS COUNSELING, 1550 California St., Suite 6201, San Francisco, CA 94109 (415) 387-6767 Alise Martinez, R.N., B.A. Director

Nature: TS Counseling is an organization operated by post-op transsexuals, who, as members of the health care profession offer peer counseling to end-stage, pre-op transsexuals - i.e., those persons approaching conversion surgery - and post-op transsexuals who may be having difficulty adjusting to their post-op situation.

Services: Peer counseling for TSs. Educational services to the public in general. Research into the field of transsexualism. Referrals to medical and psychiatric personnel.

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE 484 Lake Park Ave., suite 427, Oakland, CA 94610 (415) 763-6185

Nature: GGA is a non-profit non-sexual organization for the male-to-female and female-to-male crossdresser and transsexual, and supportive friends. GGA has chapters in several areas of the U.S. and Canada, but does not require that members of a local chapter be members of the national organization. Membership must be open to all crossdressers and transsexuals, both male-to-female and female-to-male, regardless of their sexual preferences, practices or orientation.

Services: GGA provides a correspondence directory, identification card, a monthly magazine (The Phoenix), peer counseling, a hot line, and chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Security: Security is the responsibility of the local chapters. Usually the requirement is a meeting with the chapter president prior to coming to a meeting to ensure understanding of GGA objectives and code of conduct.

SAN JOSE CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Box 62283, Sunnyvale, CA 94088 (408) 734-3773 (after 6 PST)

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL (ETVC): ETVC, Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101

Nature: ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, TGs, Significant Others, and friends. It is intenede as a social and educational group, to meet and have a good time as well as help educate the public. ETVC is non-sexual, and has an open membership policy with approximately 165 members.

Services: ETVC publishes a bi-monthly newsletter ('The ETVC Newsletter'), provides a program of social and educational activities, and referrals.

Security: The mailing and membership lists are confidential. Only the officers are permitted access to either list, except in response to judicial process. No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone number or profession of another member to anyone, except with the other member's express permission.

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Bonnie Goodwin, Box 38918, Sacramento, CA 95838

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

FEMALE TO MALE TRANSSEXUAL GROUP: The Billy DeFrank Community Center, 86 Keyes St., San Jose, CA (408) 293-4525, or, Hal, (408) 293-2429

Nature: Female to Male transsexual support.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION (HBIGDA), 900 Welch Road #402, Stanford, CA 94304

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH, P.O. Box 908, Berkeley, CA 94701 (415) 548-8283 Allanya Guenther, Executive Director

Nature: The Pacific Center is a private, non-profit agency funded by United Way, county revenue sharing funds, sliding scale fees, and contributions. The Center is dedicated to providing high-quality services to sexual minority people of all races, ages, and backgrounds.

Services: Educational services and out-

reach into the community at large. Speaker's Bureau. Counseling. Group meetings. Hot line (415) 841-6224.

*** The following members of the Society for the Second Self (heterosexual cross-dressers only) are interested in forming chapters in California:
San Diego CA Susan CA 1035 T
San Francisco CA Jennifer CA 1543 J
Sacramento CA Chrysis CA 1064 R

Northwest

NORTHWEST CHAPTER (GGA) Box 4928, Portland OR 97208
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.
Services: The Northwest Chapter has at least one function each month. The days vary in order to allow all of our girls to attend as often as is possible. We also publish a monthly newsletter.
Security: Private interview with the chapter president.

EMERALD CITY Box 31318, Seattle, WA 98103
Nature: Non-sexual (sister chapter of Northwest Chapter)
Services: Frequent social functions
Security: Requirements not available at this time.

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER 4604 Stone Way N., Seattle, WA 98103 (206) 328-3546
Nature: A non-profit organization servint the transsexual/transvestite community.
Services: Individual and group counseling, professional consultation to service providers, referrals, research, and public information presentation. Works closely with the Seattle Counseling Service.

NORTH AMERICAN TRANSVESTITE-TRANSSEXUAL TELEPHONE CONTACT SERVICE 801 E. Harrison St, Suite 706, Seattle, WA 98102 (206)624-8266 Executive Director Philip Salem
Nature: Then NA TV-TS Contact Service's primary function is to act as a direct dating service for TVs, TSs and admirers. The Service has over 6200 contacts nationwide.
Services: The Contact Service provides a 24 hour hotline for TVs, TSs and admirers throughout the country. It also provides information gratis on plastic surgery, electrolysis, and hormone therapy.

SEATTLE COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR SEXUAL MINORITIES 1505 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122 (206) 329-8707
Services: Counseling service, special group for TVs and TSs.

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER 2139 Kuhio Ave, Honolulu, HI 96813 (808) 926-1000
Services: Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs.

*** The following member of the Society for the Second Self (heterosexual cross-dressers only) is interested in forming a chapter in the Northwest:
Portland OR Patricia OR 1387 P
Write: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

*** The following individual is starting a chapter of the Gateway Gender Alliance for people in the Greater Los Angeles area: Lydia (213) 995-7195, or write: 13837 Ventura Blvd, suite 2, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Canada

TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAM) Box 1164 Station H, Montreal Que Can H3G-2N1 514-352-7481
Nature: TAMS is a non-profit non-sexual social organizations with an open membership policy.
Services: TAMS publishes a newsletter (The Garter Press), and has frequent social get-togethers.
Security: No particular requirements stated, but participants are expected to protect the security of all.

QUEBEC TRANSSEXUALS AID, INC. (A.T.Q. INC.): Viviane Belanger, C.P. 691, Mont-Royal, Quebec, Canada H3P 3G4
Nature: French speaking transsexual support.
Services: Meetings, medical referrals, etc.

METAMORPHOSIS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION Box 5963, Station 'A', Toronto, Ontario Canada M5W-1P4
Nature: Metamorphosis serves the Female to Male transsexual (gender dysphoric male).
Services: To provide research and information relevant to the 1F-M TS, to raise funds for research, to counsel the F-M TS, to educate the professional, para-professional and lay public on gender and sexual dysphoria, to provide peer support, and work cooperatively with other clinics and support groups.

FEDERATION OF AMERICAN AND CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS (FACT) Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884
Nature: FACT is a non-profit support organization for transsexuals, relatives and friends of transsexuals, professionals and para-professionals working in th field of gender dysphoria and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation.
Services: Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Publishes 'Gender Review', a periodical news sheet. Offers peer support and peer counselling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representataives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the mass media and others. FACT Toronto meets each month on the evening of the second Friday at 519 Church St. Community Centre. Visitors welcome. Enquire to head office for other meetings. Chapters include:
South Central Ontario, c/o Miss Robin Marie Schwartzentruber, P.O. Box 1842, Station 'C', Kitchener, Ontario, N3G-4R3 576-5248
Eastern Ontario, Ottawa Valley, c/o Miss Nicole Boivin, P.O. Box 523, Gatineau, Quebec, J8P-7A1

Niagara Peninsula, c/o Miss Susan Huxford, P.O. Box 291 Station 'A', Hamilton, Ontario, L8N-3C8 529-7884

Montreal & Quebec Province, c/o Ms Patricia G.S. Fisher, C.P. 293, Succ. Cote Des Neiges, Montreal, Quebec, H3S 2S6

FACT Toronto, c/o 519 Church St. Community Centre, 519 Church St., Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2C9

Toronto Chapter, (Members Only) Frankie Andresen, Secretary, PO Box97, Lefroy, Ontario L0L 1W0

Atlantic Region U.S.A., Ms Rachia Heyelman, PO Box 25, South Orleans, MA 02662

Pacific Region U.S.A., TS Counseling, 1550 California St., Suite 6201, San Francisco, CA 94109

Western New York Region, Miss Robyn Bates, PO Box 314, Buffalo, NY 14223

Security: No screening for members or subscribers to 'Gender Review'. Meetings of FACT Toronto meets each month on the evening of the second Friday at the '519 Community Centre'. Local groups establish their own security procedures, e.g. FACT Niagara meetings are by invitation only.

GENDERSERVE Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884

Nature: Counselling education and research services, registered in Ontario as a proprietorship and operating as a non-profit organization serving TSs TVs and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexuals, wives, friends and relatives. Services for a nominal fee (to cover expenses). Enquiries by mail or phone. No collect calls. The proprietor has screened a number of professional organizations in the USA.

Services: Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling if requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or telephone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/TV and other mass media interviews by arrangement. Group counselling and therapy by request. Publishes booklets and papers of a professional counselling nature (reviewed in SIECUS Report). Public education by articles, etc. for press release. Role-playing and sim-

F.P.E. NORTHERN EUROPE: M.A. Postboks 192 DK2600, Glostrup, Denmark (Do not put F.P.E. on 7 envelope)

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society'

Nature: Contact Club is a non-prorit organization incorporated in Alberta for transvestites, transsexuals and their admirers.

Services: The Club provides monthly get-togethers, a newsletter, information, support, counselling, and contacts.

Security: Each member is expected to be tolerant of other members of the club regardless of personal sexual preferences, or limits a member places on the contacts wished. Each member respects other members of the Club, and does not entice another member into surupassing limits that a member has set for himself.

*** The following members of the Society for the Second Self (heterosexual cross-dressers only) are interested in forming chapters in Canada:

Calgary CAN Dee FCAB 1703 B
Edmonton CAN Maureen FCAB 1584 F
Vancouver CAN Julia FCBC 1584 F

Foreign

BEAUMONT SOCIETY Box 3084, London WC1N-3XX England

Nature: Beaumont is a non-profit non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Great Britain.

Services: Beaumont sponsors evening and weekend functions, provides counseling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Beaumont also publishes two bi-monthly magazines, "The Beaumont Bulletin" which contains editorial notices, personal ads, a shopping guide, regional news, etc., and "Beaumag" which contains fictional, biographical or autobiographical stories. Beaumont also provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral to other organizations. Beaumont has a network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations world-wide.

Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

TV/TS GROUP: Yvonne Sinclair, The TV/TS Group, 274 Upper Street, Islington, London England N.1 01-359-4868 (8-10 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun.)

Nature: Open membership, non-sexual. Additional information not available at this time.

Services: Social activities, publishes 'The Glad Rag'.

SELF HELP ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSSEXUALS (SHAFT): 46 Liddell Way, South Ascot, Berkshire, England SL5 9UX

Nature: Details are unavailable at this time.

FRIENDS MERSEYSIDE 14 Colquitt St., Liverpool, England L1 4DE 051-708-0234

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society'

SCOTTISH TV/TS GROUP c/o SHRG 58a Broughton St., Edinburgh EH1 35A Scotland (031) 556-4049

TRANS-CCL Rev. Joseph Douce, Centre du Christ Liberateur, Minorites Sexuelles, TRAS-CCL, 3 Bis, rue Clairaut, 75017 Paris - France Tel.(1) 226.70.48 (Rev. Douce speaks English)

Nature: TRANS-CCL is a non-profit social organization for sexual minorities, non-political, with Christian foundation, but also open to people with other convictions. We have a large section for transsexuals and transvestite, probably the largest one in Europe (about 500 contacts). We can provide legal, medical, psychological, pastoral and surgical helf for transsexuals. We organize meetings, meals, etc... We have a large documentation on transsexuality. We can also provide all information available in Europe.

Services: A telephone help-line Mondays from 8p.m. to 10p.m. at (1) 627-4936. Meetings. Meals. Legal, medical, psychological and pastoral literature, and advisors.

FEMME TRAVESTIE 8023 Zurich, Switzerland Postfach 6788

Nature: Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

F.P.E. NORTHERN EUROPE: M.A. Postboks 192 DK2600, Glostrup, Denmark (Do not put F.P.E. on envelope)

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society'

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society'

ELIZABETH CLUB Ant Trading Co., Sakata Building, 1-12 Iwamoto-cho Kanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101, Japan

Nature: The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya.

Services: We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, etc. for members. The Elizabeth Club also publishes a magazine called "Queen" every other month. The magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

THE SEAHORSE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney, 2000, Australia

Nature: Seahorse Club is a non-profit social organization for transvestites and families. Membership of approximately 150, welcomes new members, overseas visitors and offers support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership. Affiliated with the Beaumont Society of England.

services: Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, being femme bymeans of a monthly newsletter to members and publishes the magazine "Feminique" on a regular basis. Meetings are held in sydney on the last Friday of each month (except December, when the meeting is the 2nd or 3rd Friday). Meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, etc.

Security: Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members (who are not advised of the meeting places) unless they wish to become full members. Overseas members require screening in the same way and overseas visitors need to be either screened or have necessary accreditation from a similar organization (e.g. Beaumont Society, Tiffany's).

SEAHORSE VICTORIA: c/o GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne, VICTORIA, 3001 Australia

Nature: See 'Seahorse Club'. The longest running TV organization in Australia.

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2.) If the address is Name & Membership #, follow these directions exactly:

A.) Place your letter in a stamped envelope. (No unstamped mail will be forwarded).

B.) Pencil in the name and membership # of the person to whom the letter is meant. (i.e.'Merissa Lynn NH-0001). We need to be able to erase the identifying name and replace it with the forwarding name. Therefore, no letter with the identifying name in ink will be forwarded).

C.) Place that letter inside another envelope and mail to

"Tapestry"
P.O. Box 19
Wayland, MA 01778

Dee Dee W. (CT-0002)

DEE DEE W (Hartford CT) 3/85

I'd like the girls at Tiffany
Who like to write,
To write to me.
A photograph, a kindly note
Will make me say,
"I'm glad she wrote."

Dee Dee W (CT-0002)

AUDREY M (Eastern MA) 8/85

Secretary, Mayflower Society

MWM bi-TV, 50, 155, 5'10, nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6.

Neil Moses, Sec. Mayflower Society, Box 66, Allston, MA 02134

AMANDA J (Central CT) 10/84

Member Tri Ess, GGA

MWM hetero TV 48, 5'9. Like music, museums, theater, old cars and economics. I am pleasant, passable, prim and proper when dressed. Prefer one-on-one situations rather than large gatherings.

Amanda J (CT-0290)

KAREN V (Northern NJ) 7/85

Tiffany General Member

SWM hetero TV, 38, 5'8, 155, good personality and sense of humor. Adventouress. "A classical music nut, I also enjoy card & word games, karate (black belt),skiing, and gourmet food. I would like to meet women who share some of these interests and are open minded about the cross dressing scene.

Karen V (NJ-0347)

Merissa Sherrill Lynn (NH-0001)

MERISSA SHERRILL LYNN (NH)

Executive secretary Tiffany Club, Managing Director Tapestry

SWM TV, 42, 6', 200, BA philosophy, athletically oriented (pro skier 8 years), ACBL (bridge) life master. A caring person, sincerely interested in the well-being of others.

Interests: Singing, bridge, skiing, the wilderness, the flowers, and listening to the birds sing. Also interested in philosophy.

"I'm sorry but I cannot respond to personal correspondence. However, I'm very interested in hearing from people who would like to become 'leaders', and are willing to put out some effort on behalf of the TV/TS Community. So, if you are a leader-type person and willing to put out some effort to help others, write to me, or better, give me a call."

Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 (617)358-5575

ANGELIQUE BRUMMELL (S. CA.) 7/85

Angie describes herself as strong, pretty/handsome, graceful, morally strong, and honest. Interested in ballet and jazzercise, and obtaining information on transvestism, transsexualism and bondage.

Angelique B. (CA-0578)

Holly Cross (MA-0379)

HOLLY CROSS (MA) 7/85

Tiffany Keyholder member

Participant Tiffany's P-town Weekend, Lee Brewster's P-town Weekend

SWM TV, 60, size 22 tall. Is a radio ham, and classical music buff. Enjoys cooking (not well), sewing, snorkeling, walking the dog, and chasing clothing markdowns. "I'm looking for friends to meet when I'm in Orange County CA. I'd also be glad to talk by phone."

Holly Cross, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

SHARON MC. (Southeast MA) 12/84

Tiffany Club General Member

Participant, Fantasia Fair

WM TV, 30, 5'6", 140. Enjoys everything feminine.

"I'm shy but trying to be more open, especially with my crossdressing. I'm a non-drinker. I'm looking for the help and support of the TV/TS Community to better understand myself, and would like to meet other TVs & TSs and women for shopping, travel, photos and fun."

Sharon Mc. (MA-0504)

ALICE J. MILLARD (FL in winter, NY in summer) 1/85

Information Distribution for Mid-Gulf Coast, and Upper New York

Member Tri-Ess, Albany TVIC, Chi Delta Mu, Mid-Gulf Coast

Participant Fantasia Fair, Shangri-La

Awards: Miss Congeniality F/F

Mature, life-long active TV, pleasant with outgoing personality. Very sincere. Interested in meeting other friendly, sincere TVs for friendship and informal TV gatherings. Co-sponsors informal monthly TV parties from New Orleans to Panama City, FLA. during winter months. "Our group is a non-affiliation social group open to Mid-Gulf Coast TVs."

Alice J. Millard, Box 2355, Pensacola, FL 32513 (Nov - Apr), Box 264, Cooperstown, NY 13326 (May - Oct)

Donna Wallace (NH-0515)

DONNA WALLACE (NH) 2/85

Tiffany General Member

6'2, MWM TV, 38, brown hair, blue eyes, light complexion. "I'm interested in improving my female transformation through fashion, make-up & mannerisms. I enjoy all sports, music, and motorcycles. I'm just coming out, and seek discreet contacts only. Will respond to all letters A.S.A.P."

Donna Wallace, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

Connie N. (NY-0434)

CONNIE N. (Western NY) 4/85

Member: GGA, Tri Ess, Crossroads Chapter, Paradise Club, Beaumont Society

MWM TV, 5'5", 123. A plain, ordinary, dull hetero-male crossdresser, with a very supportive wife. Likes clean cut, attractive clothes and pretty heels. Loves to correspond and exchange photos and general chit-chat. All letters promptly answered.

C.M. Nichols, Box 0734, Jamestown, NY 14702

HELEN T (NH) 11/84

Tiffany Keyholder Member

Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend

MWM TV, 46, 5'11. Recently out of the closet. Hope to make social contacts in the TV Community.

Helen T, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

PAULA A. (NJ) 4/85

MWM closet Tv (approx 35 yrs), 55, 5'9", 170, medium build, conservative in dress and manner. Non-smoker. enjoys carpentry, photography, writing, shopping, and dining fully dressed.

Pam Van Buren (NY-0253)

SIOBHAN DONOVAN (SE MA) 12/84
Member: Tiffany Club
MWM, 34, 6'2", 240, life long cross-dresser. Enjoys C.B., computers, graphic arts, sewing, cooking, and of course cross-dressing.
Siobhan Donovan, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

RHONDA SOELLNER (IN) 8/84
Participant: 'Be All You Can Be Weekend'
44 (but looks 34), 5'11", 185. Dark brown hair, brown eyes, med complexion.
Enjoys sports, outdoors, dancing, parties, photography,-trips, cards, movies, clubs.
"I am new to the scene as an open TV. Was in the closet for 30 years."
Rhonda Sollner, Box 4882, Evansville, IN 47711

Linda Jensen (CAN-0442)

PAM VAN BUREN (Northern NY) 4/85
Participant: Fantasia Fair '81, '82, '83, '84
Awards: 'Miss Femininity '84'
TV, 32, 5'8", 130, brown hair, blue eyes, quiet, caring and good humored.
Enjoys skiing, sailing, making clothes, playing music, and being a woman as often as possible. Passes well and enjoys going out dressed.
"I'm interested in meeting and corresponding with people throughout the country, and especially in the Eastern New York - Western Massachusetts area."
Pam Van Buren (NY-0253)

JACKIE MCDONALD (NH) 8/84
Member: Tiffany General Member
Participant: Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend, Tiffany's P-town Outing
WM crossdresser, 40ish, 6'1", 180, reasonably attractive.
Interests: Swimming, needlework, woodwork, micro computers. Loves shopping, long walks & Koffee Klatching. Also, is very interested in helping people.
"I reside in southern NH, & would like to meet individuals with similar interests."
Jackie McDonald, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

LINDA JENSEN (ON, CAN) 5/85
Member: Gateway Gender Alliance, Transvestites Au Montreal, Beaumont Society
Hetero MWM TV, mid 30's.
Enjoys sports, cross-dressing, and dancing.
"My job and family responsibilities give me few chances to dress, so when I do, I do it with vigor. I can travel several times a year, and have been in drag in some of the world's great cities (including Boston)."
Linda Jensen, Box 15855 Sta. F, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1C-3S7

ROBIN B. (FL) 10/84

MWM, 50's, 6'1, 160, lifelong crossdresser.

Enjoys tennis, golf, sailing, racing sailboats, bridge, cross-dressing.

"I would like to meet similar people in the Orlando, Daytona Beach, Tampa area."

Robin B. (FL-0611)

LOUISE C. (ME) 10/84

Member: Tri Ess

63, 5'9", 170, retired, active outdoor person.

Enjoys dancing, sailing, hunting, fishing, history, and bridge.

"I would like to meet and/or correspond with an understanding woman."

Louise C. (ME-0618)

Julie Lewis (CA-0588)

JULIE LEWIS (CA) 8/84

Hetero TV, 6'1", 210, 33. College educated. Enjoys skiing, biking, tennis, & outdoors, esp. the mountains. Loves photography.

"Though only newly 'out' I'm willing to lend a hand or an ear to any in the AZ area needing such."

Julie Lewis, c/o Box 508, San Marcos, CA 92069

Rita F. (CA-0600)

RITA F. (S. CA) 9/84

Member: Windy City Chapter - GGA, Paradise Club

Participant: Shangri-La, 'Be All You Can Be' Weekend

Open minded, loves all things feminine, especially high heels and nylons. Also enjoys fishing, engine building, art, music.

"I travel extensively, and would like to meet others interested in being fem."

Rita F. (CA-0600)

JANET LOUISE B. (MA) 7/85

Secretary, Halcyon Society of RI

Member: Halcyon Society

Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing

SWM, TV, 33, 5'11", in stocking'ed feet. Conservative in dress & deed. Enjoys music, photography, computers.

"Our name 'Halcyon' implies our wishes for peace, happiness and prosperity for all our friends. Halcyon days indeed! Won't you come and join us?"

Janet B., c/o Halcyon Society, Box 143, North Kingston, RI 02852

CINDY V. (Hartford, CT) 9/84

Member: Tri-Ess, GGA, Crossroads, Chi Delta Mu, TAMs

SWM hetero TV, 28, 5'8", 140. Enjoys Photography, crafts, music - most types, deserted beaches are fun, enjoys making friends.

"I would like to exchange letters & photos with other TVs, and meet when possible. Will answer all letters. Also interested in hearing from women who are interested in transgenderists as friends, share ideas, feelings, etc."

Cindy V. (CT-0381)

SANDRA F. (Long Island, NY) 8/84

Member: GGA

Mid-op TS, 5'8", 170, early 60's, half white/half dark hair, brown eyes.

Enjoys talking with people. Is heavily involved with archery - Olympic style competition (previously head of state association), and CC of Explorer Post.

Sandra F., Box 7301-A, Hicksville, NY 11801

SYLVIA C. (Southeast MA) 9/84

Member: Tri-Ess

6'2", grey hair, blue eyes, passable at times. Very serious about cross-dressing. Interested in meeting other TVs ("Hope my schedule will permit more in the future").

"I enjoy being a well-dressed girl, lingerie, nylons, high heels, etc. Would enjoy contacts in the Brockton MA area."

Sylvia C. (MA-0189)

RITA HAMILTON (Boston MA) 11/84
Member: Tiffany Club
MWM hetero TV, 33, 6' 140, attractive, sincere, sensitive & adventurous.
Interested in science, music, dance, crossdressing, and having fun in high heels.
"I like going places crossdressed, where fun & interesting things are happening. I'd also like to meet people who are interested in the same."
Rita H (MA-0621)

Terri Scott (MI-0476)

TERRI SCOTT (MI) 10/84
Member: Crossroads
Attractive, very feminine, out going, friendly, intelligent lady. Enjoys writing and corresponding with others of a feminine nature. Also enjoys fashions and a female lifestyle.
"I desire to continue developing my female self and to experience everything in life as a woman."
Terri Scott, Box 728, Birmingham, MI 48012

MICHELLE B. (VA) 10/84
Member: Delta Chi Chapter GGA
English, 53, professional automobile mechanic, a thinking man and a quiet and natural looking girl.
Enjoys gardening, roses and English cars of the thirties.
Michelle B. (VA-0617)

JENNIFER BOISSEAU (MA) 10/84
Member: Tri Ess
Participant: Lee Brewster's P-town Outing
5'6", 115, medium length black hair, passes easily.
Enjoys cooking, bowling, needle point, dancing as a girl, movies, and TV books.
"The body can't be whole unless the femme self is expressed."
Ms Jennifer A. Boisseau, Box 553, Holden, MA 01520

MARWAN McKENZIE (GA) 10/84
F-M pre-op TS, 5'10", 140, 23, black hair, brown eyes.
Loves music! Enjoys reading, and sports. Loves Music, dancing, meeting people, and receiving letters.
"I'm the type that gets along with most everyone, and love fun and laughter. I will correspond with anyone, and especially hope to meet people in Georgia, or surrounding states."
Marwan McKenzie, 241 Troy St, Apt 9, Atlanta, GA 30314

Trenna Marie Mc. (NY-0623)

TRENNA MARIE Mc. (W. NY) 10/84
Member: Tri Ess
MWM hetero TV, 60, 5'8", 185.
Enjoys woodworking, and model railroading.
"I enjoy corresponding with my sisters, and exchanging photos. I will answer all letters."
Trenna Marie Mc (NY-0623)

Micheline Johnson (CAN-0560)

MICHELINE JOHNSON (ON, CAN) 5/85
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
A gentle person, attractive, open, honest, sensitive, young 40's, interesting company, non-smoker.
Enjoys life, dancing, dining, films, theatre, music, travel, conversation, walks, wild-life, water falls, sunsets, hand holding, hugging, togetherness.
"I'm looking for a romantic affectional asexual loving warm relationship, as a woman, with one special understanding cultured person having similar characteristics with whom to share some of life together."
Micheline Johnson, Box 9155, Ottawa, Canada K1G-3T9

PAULA RIORDAN (E. MA) 10/84
Tiffany General Member
Participant: Fantasia Fair '83
MWM hetero TV,52,5'8", 160, soft spoken, easy going, friendly. Enjoys history, philosophy, religion, cosmetology, fashion, cooking and ballet.
"I am happy being 'Paula', and I enjoy conversation & correspondence with friends I have met through the Tiffany Club and the Tapestry. Although opportunities are limited, I pass fairly well, & enjoy going out with friends."
Paula Louise Riordan, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

Ellen S. (OR-0382)

Gloria Wright (IL-0613)

ELLEN S (OR) 10/84

Member Tri Ess, GGA, Corresponding Secretary for NW Chapter GGA

Participant DREAM '78,'80,'83

Grande Dame DREAM '83

Hetero TV, early 50's, 5'11. Enjoy music (big band era) and traveling. Would like to meet sisters and discuss mutual interests in feminine subjects.

Ellen S., c/o NWGGA, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213

RENEE CARROLL (SE CT) 10/84

Member GGA, Albany TVIC

Participant Tiffany's Weekend '82, Fantasia Fair, Shangri La, DREAM '83

SWM hetero TV, 40, 6'+. Interests range from American history to the causes of transgenderism. Also enjoy cooking, travel and outdoor pursuits, photography, and the feminine gender role.

Miss Renee Carroll, (CT-0292)

GLORIA WRIGHT (IL) 10/84

Member: Chi Chapter Tri Ess, Windy City Chapter GGA

Awards: 1st Runner-Up Miss Windy City GGA '84

Hetero, 5'3", 32, outgoing, understanding, fun loving.

Enjoys music, singing, photography. Also enjoys going out 'dressed' and passes well.

"I love correspondence, and meetings with everyone."

Gloria Wright, Box 172, Gurnee, IL 60031

DIANA LALINDE (NJ) 10/84

Member: Tri Ess, GGA

Participant: Lee Brewster's P-town Outing

Hetero crossdresser, 5'6", 145, hispanic.

Enjoys photography, sports, car racing,a reading, U.F.O.s, country music, beauty.

"My wife loves music, dance, hockey, cats, the outdoors, make-up & fashion, and psychology. I would love to correspond with others that are looking for friendship."

Diana Lalinde, 103 60th St, B-303-101, West New York, NJ 07093

SHERRY LORRAINE (MA) 10/84

Tiffany Keyholder member

Participant: Tiffany's Spring Outing, Lee Brewster's P-town Outing '83

WM, 38, red hair, blue eyes, 5'9 in heels, fair complexion and an easy going personality. Enjoys motorcycle touring, skiing, computers, walks along the ocean, and dancing. "I enjoy passing in public, making new friends, traveling, shopping and girl to girl chants on makeup, dress and mannerisms."

Sherry Lorraine, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

DOLLY BAKER (S. NH) 12/84

MWM, Hetero, late 50s, 6'2", 195. Has a good sense of humor, and an MBA in Marketing.

Interests: Sciences, nature, art, feminine fashions, toastmasters, photography.

"I'm finally coming out of the closet, and am anxious to meet sisters for girl-talk, shopping, mutual help. Business requires travel all of U.S., and some overseas. Correspondence is invited, welcomed, and answered."

Dolly Baker (NH-0648)

Bobbie Badal (CA-0620)

BOBBIE BADAL (CA) 10/84
WM TV, 39, 5'6", 122, born under the birth sign Virgo.

Enjoys dating, music and swimming.

"I would like to meet a TV or TS for a serious relationship."

Bobbie Badal, Box 12062, San Francisco, CA 94112

MARIETTE ALLEN (NYC) 12/84
Female. Photographer for Fantasia Fair '81-'84, and Tiffany's Spring Weekend '83-'84.

"I consider myself a friend of the paraculture. I am interested in making changes in society to reduce pain caused by 'gender dysphoria'."

"I am available for portrait photography at my studio in NYC, or in setting around the city. I am looking for crossdressers whom I could photograph at home with wife and children, anywhere in New England and Mid-Atlantic area."

M.P. Allen, 211 C.P.W., NYC, NY 10024

MARCIA GILBERT (E. MA) 10/84
MWM hetero TV, 41, dark, 5'7", sensitive and discreet.

Enjoys dressing (mostly for formal occasions), photography, dancing, and good times.

"I am just coming out, and would like to hear from all those who can help me be me."

Marcia G. (MA-0622)

REBECCA SUZANNE C. (SE MA) 11/84
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing

DWM, 50's, 6', long-time cross-dresser.

Enjoys golf, cooking, engineering, and, of course, being 'Suzanne'.

"I am totally addicted to the joys of cross-dressing. I have an easy-going personality and wish to establish friendship with other girls so that we may share the joys and frustrations of this wonderful feminine world that we share. If you're sensible and discreet, I would like to hear from you."

Suzanne C. (MA-0295)

Eileen Claflin (OH-0486)

EILEEN CLAFLIN (OH) 11/84
MWM, hetero TV, 6', 35, passable on occasion. Loves kids, kittens, and being Eileen. Enjoys meetings and correspondence, music, photography & shopping. "Would like to make contact with other sisters to share experiences, viewpoints and understanding."

Eileen C (OH-0486)

Tracy S. (DC-0650)

TRACY S. (Washington DC) 12/84
WM TV, 5'11", 155, slim, passable, and sexy.

Interests: Travel, companionship, romance, living life to the fullest as a woman.

"I enjoy meeting and corresponding with all TVs, TSs, women and couples. I travel the East and Midwest, and can entertain visitors to Washington."

Tracy S. (DC-0650)

DOROTHY G. (NJ) 11/84
Member: Chi Delta Mu - Tri Ess

Participant: Fantasia Fair '80 & '81, Joyce Dewhurst's Pocono Weekends, Tiffany's Wives Group Outing '84

Married hetero male crossdresser, with a very supportive wife. He 42, she 36.

Enjoys socializing, especially with other couples for friendship.

"My wife is handicapped (post-polio), but enjoys attending get-togethers. We're willing to help other couples having 'acceptance' problems."

Dorothy G. (NJ-0627)

PAULA KAY (NH) 8/84
32, 6', 170, brown hair, hazel eyes.

Enjoys warm weather fishing, hunting, camping, the ocean, sexy lingerie, and getting out of the closet.

"I am down to earth, easy to get along with, and quiet. I am possibly bi, feminine when dressed, and want to meet other TVs for dressing together. Would also like to meet females and couples.

Paula Kay (NH-0596)

Andi K. (CA-0656)

Laura Covington (CA-0480)

ANDI K. (N. CA) 1/85
Member: Tri Ess, ETVC, GGA
Awards: Miss ETVC '84
Hetero, 36, 5'7".
"I am interested in meeting other TVs in the San Francisco Bay area for outings and mutual assistance. I will attempt to answer all correspondence."
Andi K. (CA-0656)

LORI S. (IN) 12/84
TV, 41, 6'1", 175. Average looking, clean, discreet, very broadminded.
Interested in any and all TV activities.
"I am interested in meeting, rather than prolonged writing. I also prefer correspondence that is within a 100 mile radius of South-Central Indiana."
Lori S. (IN-641)

LAURA R. COVINGTON (N. CA) 11/84
Member GGA, Tri Ess, Shangri-La
MBM, hetero, 35, 5'8". Attractive, pleasant, understanding. Interested in contacting TVs and women. "I have many interest, and will answer all."
Laura R. Covington, P.O. Box 10431, Oakland, CA 94610

RENEE' SLOCUM (N. NY) 12/84
SWM, 26, 5'11", 155, hetero crossdresser, college educated, shy but friendly, good sense of humor.
Interests: Enjoys music (R-n'-R) oldies), collecting antiques & anything old, tennis, ballet, cooking, elegant private parties, dressing up & being feminine.
"I would like to meet and/or correspond with other crossdressers and women. Crossdressing for 14 years and would eventually like to form a support group/club to serve the Finger Lakes area."
Renee' Slocum (NY-0651)

CAROL TAYLOR (N. NY) 1/85
41, 5'9", 170. Blonde, attractive (I'm told), friendly, outgoing.
Interests: Golf, skiing, boating, writing, intimate feminine apparel.
"I have a sincere interest in all aspects of crossdressing and femininity, and desire to correspond with and meet others. I have special knowledge and experience in underfashions and desire to help or discuss same with others. Would love to help with figure problems, and will answer all."
Carol Taylor, Box 8831 Academy Sta., Albany, NY 12208

SANDRA B. (NE MA) 12/84
46, 5'9", 155. Brown Hair, hazel eyes.
Interests: Crossdressing, learning to be more feminine.
"I'm just coming out of the closet and would like to correspond with other TVs."
Sandra B. (MA-0646)

ROBERTA CLARK (VA) 8/84
6'2" married TV with a wife learning to understand.
Interests: sports (basketball, football, baseball, etc.), movies, dancing, and plays.
"I would like to meet and become friends with other married TVs with understanding wives."
Roberta C. (VA-0598)

HEATHER DAWN ANDERSON (MA) 1/85
M&M TV, 34, 5'11", 130. Crossdressing since childhood.
Interests: Music (rock to classical), songwriting, cooking, running.
"I want to let my femininity blossom. I'm sensitive and caring. I enjoy long walks on the seashore accompanied by intimate conversation and fun. I need some TV/TS companionship."
Heather A. (MA-0661)

Terri Downs (NV-0406)

TERRI DOWNS (NV) 11/84
Member: GGA, Tri Ess, Albany TVIC, Shangri-La
Participant: Shangri-La, DREAM
Auburn hair, grey eyes, 5'11", size 16/18. Loves flying, ham radio, country & string music. Is a book collector, a history buff, and into solar energy.
"I love to dress, attend dress-up parties, and meet other TV/TS girls. Will escort around Vegas, and will answer all. Picture is appreciated, but not necessary."
Terri Downs, Box 4116, N. Las Vegas, NV 89030-0116

MURIAL E. (DE) 10/84
Member Tri Ess
Hetero, 5'8, retired. Has been crossdressing many many years. Loves to visit. Enjoys model building, and photography.
Murial E. (DE-0475)

JENNIFER PETERS (MA) 12/84
Member: Tiffany General Member
27, 5'9", 150. Easy going, lifelong interest in TVism.
Interests: Travel, music, clothes shopping, anything dealing with TVism.
"I hope to meet other persons anywhere who enjoy the experiences of a male transformed into a pretty woman."
Jennifer Peters, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

PAMELA DEA (WA) 1/85
5'11", 38, blue eyes. Friendly & gently, good sense of humor, has humanist philosophy.
Interests: Poetry, drama, all the fine arts, chess, and all things feminine.
"I'm looking for friends, female or male, TV, TS, etc., to help in feminization."
Pamela Dea, PO Box 1801, Yakima, WA 98907

Christina S. (MA-0649)

CHRISTINA S. (E. MA) 12/84
36, 5'11", 175. Married, life-long TV.
"I enjoy dressing and becoming a woman. I'm an accomplished cook, baker, photographer. I'd love to correspond with and possibly meet with other TVs to discuss mutual interests. Want to get out of the closet and among friends."
Christy S. (MA-0649)

Cheryl Ann Costa (NY-0669)

CHERYL ANN C. (W. NY) 2/85
Member: Co-founder of Butterfly, Eon
5'8", 175, 33. "Married to a super lady who loves all of me."
Interests: Photography, computers, theater, of course crossdressing, organizing Butterfly.
"I love couples parties and traveling to other clubs to meet new people. I especially like the thrill of helping someone come out."
Cheryl Ann C., PO Box 7161, Endicott NY 13760

GERI LYNN (Detroit MI) 1/85
Member: Crossroads Chapter
Bi TV, 50's, 6', does not pass.
Interested in all things feminine, partial to heels, nylons, cosmetics, lingerie, nail polish.
"I'm interested in exchanging photos, and polaroid picture taking sessions. I will answer all letters."
Geri L (MI-0668)

JANICE MARIE M. (N. NJ) 2/85
Member: Chi Delta Mu - Tri Ess
Participant: Fantasia Fair (5X), DREAM (1X)
6', 200, 50's. Electronics engineer, former amateur radio operator, passes well in public.
Interests: Singing ballads (Irish, Scottish, & Country), shopping en femme, dining out en femme.
Janice M. (NJ- 0213)

Shiela Kirk (PA-0336)

SHIELA KIRK (W. PA) 2/85
Member: Tiffany Club, Trans-Pitt, Paradise Club

Attractive TV, dedicated to this wonderful joy of dressing.

"I love music and literature - I work very hard so moments of relaxation and pleasure of this sort are precious to me. I love being a TV, and I'm anxious to meet many others who delight in the same feelings." Shiela K (PA-0336)

JANICE BROWN (NH) 3/85
Member: Tiffany Club

WM TV, 5'10", 165, hazel eyes. Basically shy, quiet, courteous, and considerate of other people.

Interests: Art, photography, music, outdoors.

"I would like to correspond with other TVs across the country, and exchange photos, thoughts on dressing and make-up, and share experiences."

Janice Brown, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

BILLI D. (MA) 3/85
Hetero TV, 5'11", 190, 32, pleasant looking, able to pass with little trouble.

Interests: War games, military officers, military history, painting (miniatures), cross-dressing.

"Am anxious to make friends with other persons like myself."

Billi D., Box 80112, Springfield, MA 01138

SHARON MC (SE MA) 12/84
Member: Tiffany General Member

Participant: Fantasia Fair

SWM TV, possible TS, bi, 31, 5'6", 140. Brunette, blue eyes, can pass.

Interests: Shopping trips, travel, skiing, old cars, all types of music, and being feminine.

"I'm interested in corresponding and meeting other TVs, TSs, and women with whom I can be my feminine self. Will answer all."

Sharon Mc (MA-0504)

Donna Marie H. (NY-0670)

DONNA MARIE H. (W. NY) 2/85
Member: Tri-Ess, Eon

MWM hetero TV, 43, 5'7", 160, brown hair, blue eyes. Married to a very supportive wife, father of 4 children.

Interests: Perfecting femme image, heels, lingerie, make-up, all things feminine. Also, camping, model building, custom painting, cars & vans.

I am interested in working to develop our group 'Eon' and working with those just coming out, and novices. Would like to work with couples and presenting hetero X-dressing to families & children."

Donna Marie H. (NY-0670)

VICTORIA BROWN (KS) 3/85
Member: Tri-Ess

MWM hetero crossdresser, 41 yrs young, 5'10", 185, light brown hair, hazel eyes, medium complexion.

Interests: Studying to be an alcohol & drug counselor, under social work with special emphasis on crossdressing. Also, tropical fish, woodworking, photography, gardening.

"I am working very hard at coming out of the closet. I have accepted my feminine self and am enjoying it very much. I have a very tolerant and accepting wife, who at present acts as my adviser on feminine matters, but does not fully understand crossdressers."

Victoria Brown (KS-0684)

Lee A. (ME-0247)

LEE A. (ME) 4/85
MWM, 5'10", 175, good personality, loves to correspond and/or meet others.

Interests: Jogging, skiing (x-country and downhill), motor cycles, fishing, hunting, indoor sports.

Lee A. (ME-0247)

SUZIE M. (NJ) 3/85
Tall sexy W TV, 43, average weight, light hair.

Interested in meeting with other TVs in New Jersey area for mutual enjoyment. Photo, phone please. All answered.

Suzie M. (NJ-0686)

JENNIFER BARTON (E. MA) 7/85

MWM, 6'4", 205, brown hair, blue eyes, sensitive, caring.

Enjoys biking, music, video, basketball, some tennis, feeling & looking beautiful (hopefully).

"I would like to meet someone in the Boston area who is interested in fashion, and could help me with clothes, makeup, etc (TV, TS, or F). I will answer all mail."

Ms Jennifer Barton, Box 622, Allston, MA 02134

Judy Leigh S. (MA-0123)

JUDY LEIGH S. (N.E. MA) 4/85

Member: Tiffany Club

Married TV, 46, 5'4", pleasant, shy.

"I enjoy all sports & travel & dance music, plus just having a good time with good friends. I like to get dressed & go for rides to visit other friends."

Judy S., c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

ROBIN BETH I. (MI) 2/85

Gentle male TV, raised in loving feminine household to enjoy androgyny, dance, and girlishness in dress and manner.

Interests: Fashions of the 20's - 50's, especially children's fashions. "I am interested in exchanging pictures, info & stories on these topics, and also on the problems of raising children today to enjoy femininity, androgyny, and grace. Girls who enjoy a feminine boy are a special interest."

Robin I. (MI-0674)

WINNIE BRANT (N. NY) 2/85

Member: Tri-Ess, Eon

Participant: Fantasia Fair (all of them), DREAM, Tiffany's P-town Outing

Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair

Hetero TV, 52, 6'2", a lady.

Has many interests, scientific and culturally oriented. Loves to travel.

Mr W. Brant, Box 741, Schenectady, NY 12301

BARBARA C. (CT) 11/84

TV, 42. Wishes to meet others who like to dress and wish to further their experiences with another friend. Am totally open minded and willing to try anything within reason at least once. Travel New England, New York, and New Jersey. Want to further my way out of the closet. Would also love to meet with a couple.

Barbara C.-0404)

Janice H. (MA-0254)

JANICE H. (MA) 4/85

Member: Tri-Ess

Participant: Fantasia Fair (4 times)

DWM hetero TV, 59, 5'6", 150, brown hair and blue eyes. A little on the quiet side, but makes friends easily. Doesn't smoke.

Interests: Eating out in a nice restaurant, loves country music, good movies, and dressing up.

"Will answer all letters."

Janice H. (MA-0254)

Kay Gould (CA-0323)

KAY GOULD (CA) 3/85

Member: GGA

Very feminine and totally passable. Enjoys all aspects of feminine life style. Strong personality with ultra femme tastes.

Interests: Fine music, dining, theatre, and high fashion.

"I Date extensively, and travel heavily throughout the US. I appreciate male escorts in most cities. Am very accomplished in all feminine ways but demanding in personality. I also write for several national publications."

Kay Gould, Box 255, Sacramento, CA 95802

BELLE D. (MA) 2/85

Artist, mid-fifties. Does not "pass", but integrates feminine ways into life. Would identify with isolation feelings. Appreciates candidness and honesty.

Interests: The arts, painting, sculpture, photography, writing, theatre, travel.

"I Would be willing to correspond with totally honest, candid persons."

Belle D. (MA-0237)

Jane Nance (KS-0694)

Shirley Kay Knight (CO-0493)

JANE NANCE (KS) 4/85
Member: Tri-Ess, GGA
MWM, mid-50's, 5'7", 135. Supportive wife, masters degree.
Interests: Expressing strong basic feminine feelings in any appropriate situation, i.e., theatre, good movies. Also enjoys classical music.
"I'm committed to my marriage, although my feelings lean toward transsexualism. I'm a private person who has kept most contacts to correspondence only, but I would appreciate the help & sharing received from other cross-dressers, and willing, in turn, to share my struggles, growth & experiences as time permits."
Ms Jane Nance, Box 67088, Topeka, KS 66667

BOBBIE B (SE MA) 8/84
SWM, 47, bi, enjoy lingerie. Easy going, good looks, trim build, would like to hear from other TV/TSs. Will answer all.
Bobbie B (MA-0461)

SUSAN C. (MA) 1/85
SWM TV, 32.
Interests: Music, film, theater, books.
"I'm hoping to meet intelligent, open-minded, and imaginative friends."
Susan C. (MA-0332)

SUSAN A. (MA) 3/85
Participant: Fantasia Fair
MWM TV, 5'7", 145, Long-time TV who is considered attractive and passable. Loves collecting and wearing feminine clothing, especially lingerie. Would like to meet others with similar interests.
Susan A. (MA-0064)

KAREN JANE M. (TX) 3/85
DWM hetero TV, 43, 6'1", 168, attractive, retired, intelligent.
Interests: Motorcycling, music, trivial pursuit, cooking, conversation.
"I'm looking for friends and support. Want to improve my image. Limited travel.
Karen Jane M. (TX-0689)

JANE MURPHY (W. NY) 4/85
Member: Butterfly
SWM TV, 22, 6'1", 38-32-40, big blue eyes.
Interests: Camping, basketball, softball, cooking, classical music, writing satire.
"I have been a TV since about age 4. It has been only recently that I have felt comfortable leaving the confines of my apt as my other half."
Jane M. (NY-0692)

SHIRLEY KAY KNIGHT (CO) 11/84
Member: Denver GIC
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing (2 times), GGA Spring Fling '85
SWM TV, 43, 5'8", friendly, fun, and feminine.
Enjoys traveling, dancing, sewing, and going out in public dressed.
"I am interested in meeting other TVs, particularly in the Rocky Mountain region."
Shirley K. Knight, P.O. Box 1042, Pueblo, CO 81002

SUE T. (S.E. MA) 3/85
WM, 37, 6'2", 180, brown hair, hazel eyes.
Interests: Boating, fishing, scuba diving, and biking.
"I would like to correspond with members who have the same interests."
Sue T. (MA-0690)

LORA W. (Phila. PA) 1/85
Member: Tri-Ess Chi Delta Mu
MWM, 70, 6'1", 195. hetero. Enjoys model building, crewel & needlepoint.
"Will correspond with those who are sincere, have a nice wardrobe, and enjoy dressing."
Lora W. (PA-0414)

Eve B. (IL-0523)

Mary Lou H. (CAN-0440)

EVE B. (CHICAGO, IL) 3/85
Member: Tri-Ess Chi Chapter, Outreach Institute
Participant: DREAM 77-79, Chi Chapter Holland WE, Fantasia Fair 82-84
Eve is elegant, fun-loving girl who "exists" 3 to 4 days a week. Enjoys shopping, dining out and traveling the mid-west and west. Also, frequently participates in pane discussions and lectures at colleges and professional organizations. Eve also plays golf and tennis.
Eve B. (IL-0523)

CHERYL A. MCBRIDE (N. NY) 6/85
Member: GGA
Participant: Fantasia Fair '84
SWM, TS, 34, 5'7", 145. Passable in most situations.
Interests: X-C skiing, camping, cycling, photography, dancing, lively parties, and meeting people.
"I'm interested in forming friendships with both men and women who accept me as a woman. I'm sincerely interested in exploring and developing the female side of my personality."
Cheryl M (NY-0350)

LORI K. (OH) 4/85
Member: Tri-Ess
MWM, 32, 2 yr associate degree, wife somewhat supportive.
Interests: Reading, cooking, vegetable gardening.
"I have been on hormones 2 yrs, passable on occasion. My weak points: makeup & hair styling. Need help in these areas. Seeking more opportunities to go out in public "en femme". Will correspond with others."
Lori K (OH-0712)

MICHELE KINNEY (C. MA) 4/85
Pre-op TS, 5'9", 130, brown hair, blue eyes, artist, intellectual, non-religious.
Interests: Fine arts, literature, theatre, nature, history, humor and sideways reasoning.
"People both fascinate and amuse me. I occasionally participate in science fiction conventions and the Society for Creative Anachronism."
Michele K. (MA-0705)

LEISA JEAN C. (OK) 12/84
Member: Tri Ess, GGA
Life long crossdresser, 39.
Interests: Photography, poetry, art and reading.
Leisa C. (OK-0643)

MARY LOU H. (AL. CAN) 5/85
Member: Tri-Ess, GGA
Participant: Fantasia Fair, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend
SWM hetero TV, 60, 5'8", size 12, professional musician and composer, loves nature, concerts, drama, museums, travelling. Stylish dresser, good fashion taste, has makeup troubles. Will meet fine TVs and understanding girls/ladies. "I need only makeup training."
Mary Lou H. (CAN-0440)

JENNIFER B. (E. MA) 4/85
Member: Tiffany Club
MWM, 36, 5'10", 145, rock musician, conceptual artist, someone who enjoys mellow friendly people. Also a P-T student, and amateur philosopher.
Jennifer B. (MA-0695), c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

VANESSA S. (FL) 4/85
Member: Tri-Ess
MWM hetero TV, 44, not able to dress frequently.
Interests: Reading, especially mystery fiction. Also, history, and stamp collecting. Especially interested in history of transvestism.
Vanessa S. (FL-699)

SHARON KANE (N. NY) 4/85
MWM cross-dresser, 38, 5'8", 150, sensitive and shy.
Enjoys fishing and bowling. Also loves to dress in pretty lingerie and dresses.
"I would like to hear from other TV/TS women and exchange fantasies and ideas about dressing up."
Sharon K (NY-0700)

WENDI ROBERTSON (S. CA) 4/85
"I want to meet a sister in the So. Calif. area to be a good friend."
Wendi R. (CA-704)

Evelyn Kramer (OH-0713)

EVELYN J. KRAMER (OH) 4/85
Member: Paradise Club, Trans-Pitt, Crossroads
Participant: Be All You Can Be W/E
WM, mid-50's, 145, 5'8", fair complexion
Interests: Model railroading, modeling, outdoor activities, writing 'Evelyn's Cris Cross' column in 'Paradise Tales'
"I would like to help others & myself to be a better TV/TS, and to make new friends, to share my life with others as a woman, and to be involved with other clubs & groups."
Evelyn J. Kramer, 5212 Duke Ave-Up, Cleveland, OH 44102

Julia Matheson (CAN-0701)

JULIA L. MATHESON (BC, CAN) 4/85
Member: Tri-Ess, NW Chapter GGA, Beaumont Society
Articles printed in Femme Mirror and the Beaumont Bulletin.
WM hetero TV, 54, 5'7".
"With my earliest memories of TVism going back to about 4 years old, I now try to project the image of the well-groomed, slightly stuffy, middle-aged matron to whom the precise matching of her shoes, purse, gloves and nylons is a major concern. My other interests are opera, history, photography and aviation. I am very lucky in having several supportive women friends."
Mrs. Julia Matheson, Box 3745, Vancouver, BC V6B 3Z1, CAN

JOAN MARIE GREY (S. CA) 4/85
Member: Tri-Ess, GGA, Shangri-La, Outreach Institute
50, 5'11", 180.
Interests: Being a woman, going out to all places while dressed. Also loves music, theatre, books, cooking, and model railroading. President of Alpha Chapter of Tri-Ess.
Joan G (CA-0532)

ANDREA G. (CT) 4/85
Member: Tri-Ess
MWM TV, 5'11", 160, 46.
Interests: TV fiction & non-fiction, sports, good food.
"I would like to meet or correspond with others, especially in the Connecticut - Western Mass. area."
Andrea G. (CT-0425)

PAT S. (E. PA) 2/85
Member: GGA
5'11", 230, Cau., extrovert & good sense of humor. Interested in reading, Chess, swimming, writing, communications, and exchanging of ideas, customs, etc.
"I am interested in building a foundation of companionship and trust, a friendship of togetherness in mind, body and spirit and expression, blanketed with understanding and appreciation."
Pat S. (PA-0509)

Carolyn Jennings (MA-0541)

CAROLYN JENNINGS (E. MA) 4/85
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
SWM TV, 33, 6', 150, attractive, rock musician/song writer, very outgoing.
enjoys nights on the town, high fashion, especially shoes, good music and a good party.
"Come on out - and let's party!"
Carolyn J. (MA-0541)

ANGELA S. (W. NY) 5/85
Member: Eon .
Participant: Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Outing
MWM, 39, with supportive wife.
Interests: Fly fishing, traveling, motorcycling, EON.
"I'm thoroughly motivated and intellectually stimulated by crossdressing, and living out my fantasies as angela. I'm hoping to lead the rest of my life as a happy person."
Angela S., c/o EON, P.O. Box 6293, Camillus, NY 13031

Veronica Jean Brown (MA-0632)

Johnnie D. (PA-0448)

VERONICA JEAN BROWN (W. MA) 11/84

Member: GGA, Harriet Lane's, XX Club

Participant: Tiffany P-town Outing '84, Fantasia Fair '84

Pre-op TS, 40, hormones three years, electolysis 75% complete. Living and Working full time as a woman. Have met and conquered most of the pitfalls that accompany a gender change and have surgery approval.

Interested in photography, running, aerobics, computers, and sewing. Am vegetarian and non-smoker. My goal is to achieve total femininity in mind and body to match my female spirit.

Veronica Jean Brown, P.O. Box 80458, Forest Park Sta., Springfield, MA 01138

ADRIENNE R. (MD) 5/85

SWM, 33, slender, thrills to the pinch of high heels during a long walk, the gentle bounce of a skirt against nylon-clad knees.

Seeks correspondence, photo exchange, possible meetings with women, TVs in the MD, VA, DC area. Enjoys very feminine fashions--dresses, bows, gloves, heels, makeup, lingerie. Hopes to find friends with similar interests for mutual improvement of our female selves.

Adrienne R. (MD-0721)

SUSAN C. HUXFORD (ON CAN) 5/85

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Executive Director FACT, Director GenderServe Counselling, Research and Educational Services

Member: SSSS, HBIGDA, SIECCAN

"Legally a tall female; retired high school teacher. Now involved in lecturing, counselling and writing. Interested in meeting members of the 'paraculture'. Addicted to 'good' music and loves singing. Always busy, but not a busybody."

Susan C. Huxford, c/o Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton, ON L8N 3C8 CANADA (416) 529-7884

CARL L. ECKARDT (OH) 3/85

Member: The Network, Metamorphosis Medical Research Foundation, Transsexual Voice

Married F-M TS, 39, 5'6", 200 (but losing), brown hair, hazel eyes, disabled.

Interests: Sports, reading, fishing, likes animals.

"I am a F to M TS waiting for final surgery. If any other TS wants to write, I will try to return all letters. Any F to M, or anyone else, having any information on final surgery, I would be interested in hearing from them."

Carl L. Eckardt, 1269 Primrose Place, Columbus, OH 43212

JOHNNIE D. (W. PA) 6/85

Member: Paradise Club, TransPitt

Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing, Lee Brewster's P-town Outing, Be All You Want To Be Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Outing

MWM, 37, 5'5". Passes very well.

Interests: Loves travel, shopping, dressing, theater, music, and dancing.

"I am president of a group in Pittsburgh. Any TV in the Tri-State area can contact me for information."

Johnnie D., c/o TransPitt, Box 59406, Pittsburgh, PA 15210

LINDA PIERSON (CT) 5/85

Interests: Music, clothes, parties, sports, & travel.

"I want to get the help necessary to become a very passable female. I also want to meet TVs & TSs who can help and be friends."

Linda P. (CT-0734)

LINDA L. (N. NY) 5/85

WM, 40, 140, interested in cross-dressing.

"I have no interest in passing, but I would like to meet and/or correspond with those secure enough to pass."

Linda L (NY-0726)

Karen K. (CA-0322)

KAREN K. (CA) 4/85
Member: Tri-Ess, GGA
SWM hetero TV, 42, 5'9", 182. Pleasant personality who enjoys meeting people. Interested in photography, camping, & hiking, running, all sports, good instrumental music, reading, & stamp collecting.
"I enjoy writing and meeting with sisters. I also travel a great deal. I also enjoy going out dressed, but I'm careful."
Karen K (CA-0322)

SARAH ANNE D. (FL) 5/85
Life-time TV, 71 (retired), 5'6", 163, light brown hair.
Interests: Flea markets, garage sales, model railroads, travel.
"Will answer all."
Sarah D. (FL-0558)

ABBY MARIE G. (NH) 5/85
MWM, 5'11", 180, brown hair, likes people.
Interests: Model making, fishing, hunting, walking in the woods. Would like to correspond.
Abby G. (NH-0731)

LAURA LEE (SE MA) 5/85
DWM TV, 26, 5'6", 145, brown hair, blue eyes.
Interests: New experiences, romance, walks on the beach, nature.
"I feel alone and would enjoy TV, TS, & women friends to talk to, meet, and dress with. I am new to cross-dressing, and need wardrobe help. I love nylons & heels and the feel of silk. The ideal friend would be a passable TV, TS or woman around my age, to help me explore all aspects of TV life, and possibly date. Will answer all."
Laura L (MA-0729)

MELISSA FOSTER (S. CA) 6/85
SWM TV, 35, 5'10", 168.
Interests: Traveling, sports, dancing, & having social get-togethers.
"I want to meet other TVs & TSs, couples and singles for friendship and lasting relationships. I travel around the country and love being able to stop and visit friends."
Melissa Foster, Box 816, Lakewood, CA 90714

PATTI F. (MN) 6/85
Member: GGA, Tri Ess
Participant: Dream '78
38, 5'10", 175, college grad.
Interests: Taking modeling classes, garage sales, attending fashion shows. Also enjoys being a 'French maid'.
"My goal is to meet other TVs and become active in our new TV club in Minneapolis-St Paul area."
Pete Fail, Box 65221, St Paul, MN 55165

CAROL SUE S. (FL) 5/85
Member: GGA
MWM, 50+, slight, passes very well.
Interests: Writing, golf (ladies' tees), clothes, people watching, self-improvement, helping others enjoy their right to dress, do, and be as they please.
"I dress almost all the time and feel "crossdressed" only when I must wear male garments for society's sake. My wife is semi-tolerant, but getting better. Would enjoy hearing from others, especially from central Florida. Will answer all."
Carol Sue S. (FL-0551)

CHRISTINA MARIE MARION (NH) 5/85
Age 32, a rural person, fairly liberal, and an avid amateur naturalist.
wildlife photography, wild food gathering, gardening, hunting, cooking, designing leather flowers.
"I'm interested in meeting others with similar interests."
Christina M (NH-0709)

ALICIA EVANS (ME) 5/85
WM M-F pre-op TS, 31, 6', 150.
Interests: Music (pop/rock writer/performer), outdoors, people, politics, philosophy, computers, psychology, and all feminine things.
"I have many hetero friends who accept me for who I am and encourage me to be all I can be, but I would like to meet other TSs and TVs and become active in the Paraculture. Letters, photo, phone communication also desired. Please write."
Alicia Evans, Box 1056, Westbrook, ME 04092

ANDREA BUTLER (E. MA) 1/85
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
Pre-op TS, mid 20's, 5'11", 140
Enjoys high fashion, new wave music, movies, & anything avant guarde.
"I seek to meet open minded people who share similar interests. I especially would like to befriend passable TVs & TSs in the Boston area. All letters answered, only sincere people need reply."
Andrea Butler, Box 550, 89 Mass. Ave, Boston, MA 02115

JERI LEE (N.W. WA) 5/85
SWM hetero closet TV, 28, 6'.
"I care, like to help others. I enjoy many interests, and am willing to share them with others. I would like to meet TVs & TSs and women who are understanding so I can get out of the closet, enjoy the feminine side of me, and hope to make some friends along the way."
Jeri Lee (WA-0725)

ASHLEE O. (SE FL) 6/85
Participant: Fantasia Fair '84, 'Be All You Want To Be' W/E
"I would like to meet other heterosexual crossdressers. I am married, and live in Miami. I do not mind traveling within the state."
Ashlee O. (FL-0750)

Rhonda Smith (MA-0317)

TARAE TAIBROOKE (SE MA) 4/85
SM hetero TV, 26, 6'5", 220
Interests: Lingerie, makeup, leather clothing, leotards & tights. Loves boots, clogs & penny loafers. Also enjoys house work, travel, sports, animals, outdoors, walking, & bike rides.
"I would to hear from guys or gals. Are there any bondage fans out there? Would like to trade or share ideas and fantasies."
Tarae Taibrooke, Box 128, Braintree, MA 02184

WILMA JANE PETERS (N. NY) 6/85
"I would like to have a dialogue with other TVs regarding our interests and exchange experiences. I love all the feminine things of life like cooking, sewing, and other household duties."
Wilma Jane Peters, Box 5361, Albany, NY 12205

CATHERINE ROSEMARY D. (E PA) 6/85
Member: Outreach
SWM hetero crossdresser, 60, 5'9", 190.
"It's unlikely that I would pass, but am interested in the world of the crossdresser, and would like to get acquainted."
Catherine D. (PA-0748)

TARA M. (OH) 5/85
Enjoys golf, racquetball, reading.
"Would like to meet other TVs &CDs to help me appreciate my crossdressing."
Tara M (OH-0732)

RHONDA SMITH (CA & MA) 5/85
Awards: Tiffany 'Most Original'
Single, 5'6", 130. Exotic, into Hollywood scene.
Enjoys disco, 3-D photography, lasers, archery, astronomy, atomics, and philosophy.
"Honey, this girl has strolled down 5th Ave in NY, whistled at on a military base in NM, propositioned in a TV/TS showbar in Hollywood, and spent a lovely evening as the only girl at a Hawaiian luau. shall we find a nice quiet place and talk?"
Rhonda S. (MA-0317)

DIANA VEE (MA) 6/85
Member: Tiffany
Married TV with disapproving wife. 5'6", 155, dark hair.
Interests: Dressing completely and potentially being able to pass in public. Into aerobics, and nautilus.
"I am extremely interested in perfecting my female side, while maintaining my everyday male image."
Diana Vee, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

JULIE COOK (MA) 4/85
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
SWM, 37, 5'9", 150, brown hair & eyes.
Interests: Camping, movies, and improving my feminine image.
"I would like to meet others with mutual feminine interests."
Julie Cook, P.O. Box 801, Marlboro, MA 01752

Carla Goldsneider (CT-0212)

Tara Tenille (CA-0752)

CARLA E. GOLDSNIDER (CT) 6/85

SWM hetero TV, 53, 5'10", quiet, not pushy, very understanding.

"I love to crossdress. Would like to meet TVs and females for girl talk and develop friendships. Also like to go out in public dressed - told I pass easily. I'm single and live alone in a small house in the country."

Carla E. Goldsnider, 3741 South St., Coventry, CT 06238

JUDY KAYE (MN) 6/85

Married, fantasy crossdresser, 45, 5'11", 240.

Interests: Skiing, photography (experienced).

"I would like to meet others like myself, or active crossdressers - just talk and friendship."

Judy Kaye, Box 16163, St Paul, MN 55116

LYNDA D. (SE NY) 8/85

MWM TV, 32, 6'1", discreet.

"I'm interested in meeting other TVs and understanding females for help and friendship. If sensible and discreet, I will answer all letters."

Lynda D. (NY-0775)

ANNE MARIE C. (NS CAN) 5/85

WM bi-TV, 38, 5'11", 180.

"I want to correspond and meet TVs and TSs in Canada, and the Northeast U.S. I travel often to the Northeast part of the U.S. and would like to correspond to share fantasies with other TV sisters and maybe meet in person in the future."

Mike Chaplin, P.O. Box 1446, Halifax North Station, Halifax, NS B3K 5H7 Canada

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BOBBIE K. (CA) 7/1

Member: GGA, Tri Ess

Interests: Cooking, beachwalking, playing guitar (badly), woodworking, auto restoration.

"I would like to contact sisters in the Oxnard-Ventura-Camarillo area to write & get together."

Bobbie K. (CA-0760)

ARLENE L. (SE NY) 7/85

Member: GGA, Tri Ess

Interests: The sciences in general; in particular astronomy and geology.

"I'm looking forward to correspondence and possible future meetings with understanding persons."

Arlene L. (NY-0758)

TARA TENILLE (N. CA) 6/85

Member: GGA, Society of Janus (Co-ordinator Sacramento Branch), ETVC

Participant: Spring Fling '85

Bi-TV, mid 30's, single, can entertain or travel.

Interests: Photography, music, dancing, travel, learning, corsets, high heels, nights out on the town, adventure, and people who are a little bit crazy.

"I want to travel more and meet new, sincere, serious friends and dates - nationwide and worldwide. I enjoy erotic dress more than formal dress and always love to compare notes with those of like interests. Most of my clothes are custom-made. Will answer all,, but photo and SASE appreciated."

Tara Tenille, Box 13033, Sacramento, CA 95812-3033

FRANCESCA MILLS (NE MA) 5/85

SWM bi-TV, 32

Enjoys the outdoors, science fiction & fantasy, enjoys being around other TVs, and having good times together. Would look forward to some correspondence, and meeting others from the Northeast Mass. area."

Francesca M (MA-0352)

Barbara B. (NY-0258)

BARBARA B. (L.I. NY) 5/85
Member: NYC GGA, Chi Delta Mu
MWM TV, 45, 5'10", slim. Values trustworthiness, honesty, and dependability.
Interests: Fashion, music, dancing, parties, and pen pals.
"I love women and their femininity. I also enjoy being helpful to new sisters and old alike."
Barbara B. (NY-0258)

KAREN A. (SE MA) 7/85
Member: Tiffany
M-F TS, 40, 5'10", 155, passes. College degree.
Interests: Cooking, some sewing, tennis, pro sports, fishing, loves the outdoors.
"I'm interested in meeting other TSs for personal friendships. Would also like to form a peer support group for TSs in SE Mass. area. I am caring, straight forward, honest and sincere."
Karen A. (MA-0763)

REBECCA REDSING (N CA) 8/85
Member: GGA
Travels extensively and enjoys meeting others with similar interests. Loves to spend quiet evenings in a negligee reading and listening to music, or engaging in light conversation. Wishes to correspond with others interested in fashions, make-up, and the enhancement of the feminine image.
Rebecca R. (CA-0778)

SAMANTHA WALLS (TX) 7/85
Member: Chi Chapter Tri Ess
Participant: DREAM, 'Be All You Want To Be' W/E
MWM TV, 45, 5'11", 170, size 18.
"I'm interested in correspondance, and meeting other TVs (and their wives) in the north Texas area."
Samantha Walls, #158, 5551 Parker Henderson Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76119

BARB R. (WA) 8/85
Hetero TV, 40, 5'5", employed full time as an alcoholism counselor.
"This is my first time making contact, and I'm a bit shy."
Barb R. (WA-0777)

CINDY (AZ) 7/85
34, 6', 150, blond hair, good looking.
Interests: Music, reading, chess, golf, or just plain fun.
"No drugs!"
Cindy (AZ-0767)

Janine Bridget D. (RI-0331)

JANINE BRIDGET D. (RI) 7/85
Member: XX Club
Interests: Photography, computers, science fiction.
"I would like to meet any individual who could advance my education in womanhood."
Jan D., c/o Box 562, Coventry, RI 02816

ROSALIND HART (NM) 7/85
Member: Tiffany, GGA
MM hetero TV, mid-50's (but appear younger). Highly educated and intelligent professional. Non-smoker.
Interests: Loves to wear pretty lingerie, girdles, nylons, high heels, makeup, etc.
"I'm relatively uninhibited under proper circumstances. Married at present, but wife doesn't really approve. I travel occasionally. Seeking TVs or understanding female friends with similar or compatible interests."
Rosalind H. (NM-0768)

Hillary S. (WI-0751)

HILLARY DU NIC SEAMUS (WI) 6/85
Member: The Network
Participant: 'Be All You Want To Be' W/E
SWM hetero TV, 42, 6'.
Interests: Stamps, silver-age comic books, classical music, Medievalist.
"I'm hoping that in meeting kindred souls the 'true' Hillary will blossom."
Hillary S., c/o James W. Hill, Jr, Box 10450, Milwaukee, WI 53210

ROBBIE B. (MI) 7/1
Member: Tri Ess, Crossroads
MWM TV, 50's, Evangelical Christian, non-smoker, non-drinker, does not pass.
Interests: High heels, corsetry, makeup. Desires correspondence with likeminded TVs.
R. Baker, Box 4253, East Lansing, MI 48823

Diantha Kay (VT-0214)

DIANTHA KAY (VT) 7/85

Member: Tiffany Club, Albany TV Players, TAM

MWM TV, 5'11", 160, mid-40's, attractive, passible in most environments. Sagittarian. Fair complexion, blonde, blue eyes, nordic origins. Open, honest, caring, and sincere.

"I have an androgynous spirit and try to enjoy life in general. I'm concentrating efforts on integrating my mind and body with the femme side of my spirit. I'm seeking close friendships withing the TV-TS Community, and above all, to enjoy my destined femme role as a viable woman."

D. Kay, P.O. Box 264, Vergennes, VT 05491

JONI HOLLAND (VT) 8/85

Married TV, 6'1", 165, 34, long brown hair, loves life, outgoing, but always busy.

Enjoys doing hair, yours or mine, running, canoeing, skiing, always in some way feminine at work or play.

"I'm interested in meeting and writing to TV-TS women in New England. Come on up and have your hair curled."

Joni H (VT-0781)

SANDY JOHNSON (CT) 8/85

Hetero life-long crossdresser, 5'11", 200, 24, brown hair, brown eyes, has nice legs, married.

Interests: Music, going for walks, dancing, being myself, silk dresses and nylons and heels.

"I'm interested in sharing my experiences with others. I would like to meet others in the Hartford CT area for friendly conversation and support. I'll answer all sincere replies."

Sandy J. (CT-0791)

Camile Mc. (NY-0582)

CAMILE MC. (SE NY) 7/85

Member: Tiffany Club, Chi Delta Mu Tri-Ess

Hetero crossdresser, 72, 5'10", 164, methodist, widower. Honest, & security conscious. Doesn't drink, smoke, or gamble. Loves & enjoys people, and lives by the old-fashioned 'golden rule', and a strict moral code.

Enjoys crossdressing, & repairing things around the house. Loves C&W music, writes music & plays various instruments. Taught drumming.

"I'm a widower for 7 years, and would love to meet a nice woman
who will accept me part time en femme, or better, as 'sister companion', and sometimes as male companion."

C.A.M. Mc., Box 207, Pelham, NY 10803

Danielle B. (AL CAN)

DANIELLE B. (AL Can) 8/85

Member: Alberta TV-TS Contact Club (founder), FACT

Bi TV, 5'6", 140, physically fit, brown hair (sometimes blonde), brown eyes. Caring, sincere, often to the point of self sacrifice.

Interests: Drawing, painting, guitar, old rock n' roll, motorcycles, martial arts, femininity.

"My interests are varied & diverse, & sometimes draw me away from my TV interests. Hard to find time for both 'David' & Danielle."

Danielle, Box 4667, Station C, Calgary, AL T2T 5P1 Canada

JOHN R. (MN) 7/85

Divorced man, 6', 200, mid-50's, good health, active, businessman, well-travelled, strong traditionalist, cosmopolitan.

"I'm interested in meeting, knowing, a highly feminine TS or TV, for social contact and possibly an enduring relationship."

John R. (MN-0770)

MICHELLE H. (E. MA) 7/85.

M-F TS, 5'9", 145, 28, attractive.

Interested in creating androgynous lifestyle, explaining all aspects of gender identity.

"I would love to hear from all. I'm particularly interested in hearing from those who lead or have led a gay lifestyle, but cross-dress, and think they might be transsexual."

Michelle H (MA-0576)

Charlene Byrd (TX-0586)

CHARLENE BYRD (TX) 8/85
Member: Tiffany Club, GGA, Tri Ess, ETVC
Participant: Fantasia Fair, Tri Ess Holiday En Femme
Awards: Runner-up Miss ETVC '85
5'8", 145, married, occasionally passible. Enjoys hugs, people, singing, acting, quiet music, cooking, fixing things.
"I'm a people person, warm, caring, honest and non-judgmental. I'm interested in going out with other crossdressers, and will answer all."
Charlene Byrd, 9219 Anderson Mill Rd # 1031, Austin, TX 78729-4560 (512) 250-8674

LINDA LEE ATHIE (WI) 9/85
Member: GGA
TS oriented, 5'7", 176, 35, blue eyes.
"I would like to write to any TS or TV that would9 like to build a friendship by mail only. I do not desire any personal meetings and am not interested in having anyone looking for fun times or thrills. I would like to build friendships. I will answer all letters."
Linda A. (WI-0529)

ANGELIQUE G. BRUMMELL (S CA) 7/85
SWM hetero TV, 5'11", 145, semi-dark complexion, athletic, sensitive, highly emotional, brown hair, blue eyes, very strong, honest, caring & genuine.
Interests: Jazzercise, inflatable boating, playing with children, cuddling animals, & helping people. Loves feeling & being pretty.
"I am very spiritual, and it is good to know that there are others with whom I can identify with on this level in this world."
Grant B. Hooker, 1001 Boulard Ave, A-1, Carpenteria, CA 93013

FRANCINE G. (S. CA) 8/85
Member: Alpha Chapter Tri Ess
Single hetero male - oriental extraction, 5'8", 123, 30.
Interests: Painting, drawing, classical music (listening), audio, health & nutrition, photography, stage & women's make-up.
"The complete task of being a woman, emotionally and mentally as well as physically, absorbs me. I have made wonderful new friends since 'coming out' in May of '85, and hope to make many more. Have fairly good appearance for a beginner."
Francine G. (CA-0789)

LYNN M. (W NY) 7/85
Member: EON
MWM TV (former TS), 5'10", 140, 42. Not beautiful but pass easily in public. Married to Wonder Woman.
Interests: Gourmet food (cooking and eating), music, costumes, computers, Cape Ann, femininity.
"I would like to meet interesting people, especially other couples who are relaxed with the TV 'paraculture'. Would also like to help others come to the same level of love and understanding we have found."
Lynn M. (NY-0771)

BOBBIE B. (SE MA) 8/85
Bi WM, 5'6", 130, 49, average to good looks.
"I enjoy crossdressing from wig to heels. Would like to meet other bi or gay TVs or TSs to meet and enjoy each other's company. I live on the South Shore."
Bobbie B. (MA-0461)

JACKIE O. (MO) 9/85
Member: GGA
Discreet TV, 5'10", 170, 46, brown hair.
Enjoys makeup, & dressing.
"Would like to get out of the closet - one time. Would also like to meet other discreet TVs."
Jackie O (MO-0608)

Linda Carson (OH-0793)

Karen Ann N. (ME-0787)

LINDA CARSON (OH) 8/85
Member: Paradise Club
Participant: 'Be All You Can Be' W/E
MWM, 5'8", 160, 49.
Interests: Photography, travel, shopping.
"I'm not very fast at answering correspondence."
Linda Carson, Box 86, Dayton, OH 45409

WENDY R. (N CA) 9/85
Member: GGA
Awards: 1st Runner-up "Miss U. Cincinnati"
MWM, bi, 6'1", 160, 37, passes in public. Supportive wife, formerly on stage, past president of U.C. Gay Society.
Interests: Photography (still & video), poetry, sci-fi, jewelry.
Enjoys partying, all kinds of music, going out, & fashion from the exotic to sedate.
Wendy R. (CA-0805)

JACKIE C. (E MA) 9/85
SWM, 5'8", 175, 36, quiet, easy going.
Interests: Tennis, good movies, aerobics, wrestling, running.
"Looking for a non-smoker who is exercise oriented to dress with."
Jackie C. (MA-0799)

JANICE H. (TX) 5/85
MWM, lifelong CD, 5'9", late 50's.
"I so enjoy doing things feminine! Although I have no friends with whom I can share my fascination in person, I am meeting some lovely ladies through correspondence. I am a bit slow to reply sometimes, but I will answer all. Your photo will be enjoyed. My interests include music (classics to jazz), travel, photography, and of course, being me."
Janice H (TX-0567)

DONNA C. (CT) 8/85
"I'm interested in cross-dressing, and meeting people to make new friends. Please be discreet in contacting me. All letters will be answered right away."
Mr. D. Clarke, P.O. Box 263, Ledyard, CT 06339

ANGEL N. (E MA) 9/85
Member: Tiffany
Female-to-male TS, 5'4", 31, working on Masters in psychology. Spontaneous, funloving, athletic.
Interests: Psychology, reading, yoga, beach.
Angel N. (MA-0804)

KAREN ANN N. (ME) 8/85
Member: Tiffany
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
MWM hetero cross-dresser (since adolescence), 5'4", 130, friendly, happy, enjoys people, places, & things.
Interests: Photography, walking, clothes, dining out, shopping, nature.
"I would enjoy corresponding and exchanging photos with other crossdressers. I would also enjoy discreet shopping trips and dining out while dressed."
Karen Ann N (ME-0787)

BETTE J. (N TX) 7/85
Member: Tiffany, GGA, Tri Ess
Participant: Tiffany P-town '85
MWM hetero TV, 5'9", 50, size 18. Can pass. Never met a stranger.
Enjoys parties, and being a girl.
"I've dressed forever, and now I'm out of the closet. I travel extensively, and would like to meet other TV girls. Would especially like to help and advise those who are just starting to come out."
Bette J. (MA-0543)

Valerie Vincent (MA-0276)

Jamie West (HI-0786)

VALERIE VINCENT (E MA) 9/85
Member: Tiffany
MWM TV, 5'10", 150, 43. Wears fingernails over 1" long, has picture album, makes convincingly attractive woman. Wants to be a professional Female Impersonator.
Loves dressing up, wearing exotic makeup, ultra femme clothes, and having the woman in me captured on film.
"I am now more TV free than ever before, but not as free as I will be next year. I am working toward a goal of having the courage to go into a club and entertain, and also go out in public whenever I wish."
Valerie V. (MA-0276)

JOAN M. BRIDGMAN (ON Can) 6/85
Member: FACT-Toronto
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing, GGA's Spring Fling
5'7", 170, 40s, size 16.
Interests: Photography, theatre.
"I'm willing to meet TVs and TSs, and show them my town if and when they are in Toronto."
Joan M. Bridgman, 25 Wood St, A-305, Toronto, ON M47 2P9 Canada

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JENNIFER WIXON (MN) 9/85
Member: Tiffany, GGA
Long-time TV, 5'11", large but shrinking.
Interests: Chess, books, travel -- in fact, games, writing, and art in general.
"Still trying to find out what I am, and what my potential may be. Looking to talk, to listen -- to learn."
Jennifer Wixon, Box 19455, Minneapolis, MN 55419

JERI F. (N NH) 9/85
Single, 5'10", 166, 38, lives conservative rural lifestyle.
Interests: Nylons, high heels, makeup, rubber lingerie, wigs, lipstick & everything feminine.
"Searching for a compassionate female-TV-TS who can understand the delights of feminine clothing, and who is very open and willing to be flexible to make a relationship work."
Jeri F. (NH-0820)

ROBIN PEARCE (NB) 9/85
Member: Tri Ess
I'm interested in shopping, and expressing my feminine side.
Robin P. (NB-0796)

LAURA H. (TX) 9/85
Member: Boulton & Park Cultural Society
MWM lifelong TV, 6', 160, 40, just sneaking out of the closet.
Interests: Skiing, camping, woodworking, hunting.
"I would like to hear from other TVs in the San Antonio area."
Laura H. (TX-0798)

JAMIE WEST (HI) 8/85
Hetero TV, 5'10", 36, enjoys photography, flying, and diving.
"My greatest joy is dressing in my 'girly' things. Please write and swap photos."
Jamie West, Box 1552, Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786

MARCIE P. (RI) 9/85
MWM, 5'5", 185, 29.
Interests: Scuba diving, photography, boating, sci-fi books and fine art of cross-dressing.
"I've been told I'm passable, but haven't tried yet. Looking for 'sisters' in my general area with similar interests, but will answer all. Come on girls, let's be friends!"
Marcie P. (RI)

ROYY A. (NJ) 5/85
Member: GGA
Slim, tall, friendly, delicate.
Interested in the outdoors, flowers, old cars, and becoming more feminine.
"I would very much like to meet friends, especially in the tri-state area. Am also seeking pen pals."
Royy A. (NJ-0550)

Naomi O. (IL-0257)

NAOMI O. (IL) 5/85

Member: Chi chapter Tri-Ess (President), Crossroads, Paradise Club, Outreach Institute

Participant: Fantasia Fair '80-'84, Chi Chapter Holland Weekend, "Be All You Want To Be" Weekend

Awards: 'Miss fantasia Fair '83, 'Miss Congeniality '80 & '81

A Chicago area attorney who loves the better things in life. Is personable and understanding. Enjoys travel, photography, food (still can't stand beets or brussel sprouts), and fashion & jewelry (it's the gypsy in my soul). Active in mid-west cross-dressing activities, and has appeared as a panelist on the David Susskind show.

Naomi O. (IL-0257)

CAROLE TOWNSEND (SE MA) 9/85

Member: Tiffany

Married hetero TV, 40ish, passable with super effort.

Interests: Painting, drawing, model making, reading science fiction, and, of course, cross-dressing.

"I would like to hear from anyone with similar interests."

Carole Townsend, c/o P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON (MA) 5/85

Widowed WM crossdresser, 63, 175, intelligent, honest and retired. Good listener.

Interests: Likes nature photography, hiking, gardening, & good music.

"I would like contact with crossdressers in SE MA area for companionship, and like interests."

Judith T. (MA-0733)

BARBARA JANE A. (MN) 1/85

Member: GGA

DWM closet cross-dresser (60% TS, 40% TV)

Interests: Boys who would rather be girls.

"I would like to make new friends, especially in the Twin Cities area."

Barbara Jane A (MN-0655)

Wendy Jackson (AL-0794)

WENDY JACKSON (AL) 9/85

MWM TV, 5'10", 175, early 40's. Married to an understanding woman who helps with makeup, clothes, and wigs.

Interests: Tennis, woodworking, all things feminine.

"I'm interested in contacting other TVs, and sharing experiences."

Wendy J. (AL-0794)

JOAN V. (E. MA) 6/85

Tall bi TV, good looking, loves to dress, and would love to have someone from the Boston MA area to dress with.

Joan V (MA-0152)

LYNN D. (WA) 8/85

Member: Emerald City-GGA

MWM, 5'9", 38. Wife knows but doesn't really accept.

Interests: Scuba diving, sports cars.

"I enjoy a quiet day just being myself - feeling whole!"

Lynn D. (WA-0797)

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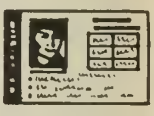

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TOP QUALITY WIGS
ELURA OR KANEKELON BLEND
SAVE 35%

101 LISA Blend
$ 33.80
REG $ 52.00

103 ALYSON Elura
$ 44.85
NO GRAY
REG $ 69.00

104 BABY DOLL Blend
$ 42.25
NO GRAY
REG $ 65.00

105 JULIE Elura
$ 44.85
NO GRAY
REG $ 69.00

BLACKS & BROWNS
1B-NATURAL BLACK
2-DARK BROWN
4-MEDIUM DARK BROWN
6-MEDIUM WARM BROWN
8-CHESTNUT BROWN
10-MEDIUM GOLDEN BROWN
12-LIGHT WARM BROWN
18-LIGHT GOLDEN BROWN

BLONDES
14-DARK BLONDE
16-HONEY BLONDE
22-LIGHT BLONDE
101-PLATINUM BLONDE
613-PRE BLEACH BLONDE
60-WHITE

FROSTS 50% each
8/22-(8 + 22)
18/22-(18 + 22)
16/22-(16 – 22)
17/101-(LIGHT ASH BROWN + 101)

REDS
27-STRAWBERRY BLONDE
30-MEDIUM AUBURN
33-DARK AUBURN
130-COPPER

GRAYS
34-(4 +10% 60)
38-(8 + 25% 60)
44-(4 + 50% 60)
51-(60 + 30% 4)
56-(60 + 10% 6)
280-(1B + 5% 60)

102 MISSI Blend
$ 38.35
NO GRAY
REG $ 59.00

ALLOW 2 TO 4 WEEKS DELIVERY UPON RECEIPT OF ORDER

NAME OF WIG	COLOR # 1ST	COLOR # 2ND	HOW MANY	PRICE
LISA 101				
MISSI 102				
ALYSON 103				
BABY DOLL 104				
JULLIE 105				
TOTAL AMOUNT				
MASS RESIDENTS ADD 5% TAX				
SHIPPING & INS. CHARGE				$ 3.00
TOTAL DUE				

SHIP TO:

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ADDRESS _____
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